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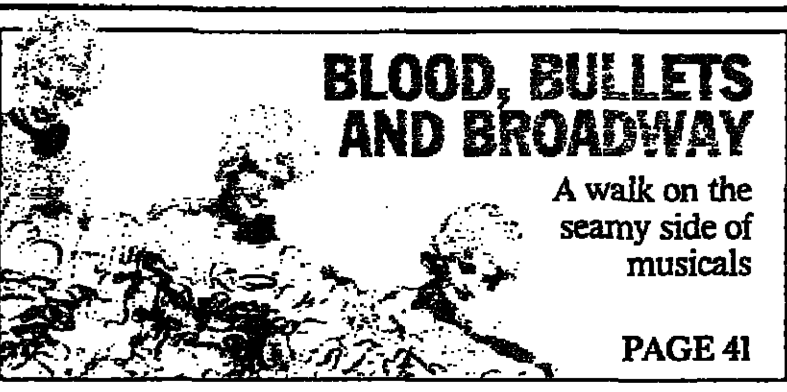

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Labour cash row hastens funding law

By Philip Webster and Andrew Pierce

A TOP-TO-BOTTOM reform of the way Britain's political parties are funded was promised by the Government last night as it struggled to wipe away the taint of sleaze surrounding its decision to exempt motor racing from any tobacco advertising ban.

After Labour was forced to admit that it had received £1 *million from the Formula One* supremo Bernie Ecclestone, the Government hastened its review of political funding and hinted that the law would be changed to ensure that all such handouts were disclosed in future.

The prospect of state funding *of political parties* was also back on the agenda with a number of senior Cabinet ministers backing an idea that Tony Blair has treated with scepticism in the past.

The urgency shown by the Government confirmed how badly Mr Blair and some ministers have been shaken by the row over the Ecclestone donation and the advice from the standards watchdog Sir Patrick Neill that it should be repaid.

Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, will introduce legislation early next year to name all donors who give more than £5,000 and outlaw all foreign gifts. In the meantime, Sir Patrick will receive the terms of reference for his inquiry into the subject. He will be asked to look at state funding, the possibility of limiting both the amounts individuals can give and the amounts parties can spend at election time, and the principles of funding.

Under the present rules, the size of donations cannot be disclosed without the giver's agreement. But Mr Straw made plain that if Sir Patrick were to recommend that full details of all donations should *be disclosed, that could* be included in his Bill.

Paddy Ashdown said yesterday that it was right that Sir Patrick's committee should consider the matter — and at the same time disclosed that

"My client requests that his sentence be decided by the Formula One panel"

he had turned down a donation of £1 million before the election because he feared his party would be tainted by it. The benefactor, whom Mr Ashdown did not name, was the Harrods owner Mohamed Al Fayed.

The offer — which would have been the Liberal Democrats' biggest donation from an individual — was considered at the highest level of the party after informal meetings between Mr Fayed and officials including the former MP Alex Carlile.

Mr Ashdown told the *Today* programme on BBC Radio 4: "I was advised and my judgment was sought on a donation from a perfectly legitimate source of perfectly legitimate money amounting to £1 million.

"A million pounds for us, when we spend £3 million in total, is very considerable money. I had to consider that very seriously. I made the judgment that it needed to be turned down and we did. The judgment I made, and I'm not being sanctimonious about this, was that I thought the party's name might be tainted."

Mr Fayed, who gave £450,000 to the Conservatives in the 1980s, was the principal figure in the cash-for-questions controversy that haunted John Major's government for three years. One Liberal Democrat MP said: "Can you imagine what the headlines would have been if we had said yes?"

Mr Ashdown's dislosure came as a spokesman for Mr Blair said that all donations could be come under question as a result of Sir Patrick's judgment on the Ecclestone money. There were "very serious ramifications", the spokesman said.

Sir Patrick had ruled that nothing improper had occurred but said that Mr Ecclestone's gift should be returned for fear that it might give an impression of a con*flict of interest.*

But few big donors did not at some stage come into contact with government, Mr Blair's spokesman said, so it could be argued that all such donations might be questionable. "There will have to be fundamental changes in the whole system."

Some ministers were appalled to learn the magnitude of Mr Ecclestone's gift. While they accept that the donation would not have influenced Mr Blair's decision to overrule the health department and exempt motor racing from the tobacco advertising ban, they were worried that the public might not be so sure.

Both Mr Ecclestone and the party had refused for three days to say how much the donation was, but the exact amount was finally revealed after *The Times* disclosed yesterday that it was a seven-figure sum. A senior Labour spokesman said: "We have spoken to Mr Ecclestone's office during the day and secured his agreement that we can state publicly that he made a donation before the general election of £1 million."

The money has already *been spent, but party sources* said that they would cut back

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PAUL HACKETT/REUTERS

Hand signal: Bernie Ecclestone, a vice-president of the International Automobile Federation, arriving at yesterday's meeting

Schumacher 'leniency' condemned

By John Goodbody
Sports News Correspondent

TWO British former world motor-racing champions yesterday condemned the lenient punishment given to Michael Schumacher, of Germany, for deliberately ramming Jacques Villeneuve during the European Grand Prix last month.

The Formula One officials agreed only to erase Schumacher's second place in the 1997 world championship, a meaningless decision given *that the season is over. In the* controversial incident in Jerez, Spain, Schumacher crashed out of the race, leaving Villeneuve to finish third and become world champion.

The 24-man council of the International Automobile Federation (FIA) yesterday said that the actions of Schumacher were "deliberate", but they were not "premeditated".

Damon Hill, Schumacher's bitter rival, said: "It is hard to take the punishment seriously. Surely it is an instinctive action not to crash into someone."

> ❛ Making an exception for Formula One is like banning prostitution but making an exception for female ones ❜
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> — *Simon Barnes, page 22*

Jackie Stewart, three times world champion, said: "My concern is that I think the sport as whole . . . will not see this as a serious enough penalty for what the world perceived the offence to be."

Schumacher, who would have regained the title if Villeneuve had crashed and he himself had finished the race, said: "It is important to *me that there is no belief that it* was a deliberate act."

The world ruling body also cleared Williams and McLaren of fixing the result of the same race. On Saturday, *The Times* printed transcripts of radio conversations between teams and drivers, suggesting that the two British-based teams had colluded to arrange the outcome.

Both teams denied any collusion.

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Cornered teachers advised to 'bash and dash'

By David Charter
Education Correspondent

TEACHERS were yesterday advised by their union to "bash and dash" when cornered by an aggressive pupil or parent by aiming for the knee, solar plexus, elbow or little finger.

The fightback technique was recommended by the Association of Teachers and Lecturers in response to "numerous" calls for new ways of combating school violence.

Last night the union, the third largest, stood by the guidance published in its magazine despite its widespread condemnation as "dangerous" and "rash".

Peter Smith, its general secretary, said "bash and dash" was only recommended as a last resort for teachers finding themselves alone with an assailant. The union felt it had to give tough advice because of growing numbers of assaults on teachers.

"I certainly don't want teachers up and down the country whose first thought is lunge, kick and go for the soft parts," said Mr Smith.

"What we are saying is that teachers frequently feel very vulnerable. Just because you are a teacher, there is no *reason why you should* be a punchbag."

Mr Smith said the worst case he had dealt with involved a Quaker teacher who refused to fight back against a former pupil and ended up permanently disabled.

Mr Smith said the advice in the magazine was taken from the Suzy Lamplugh Trust. Sian Rees, for the trust, said that it had rejected suggestions to put on self-defence classes for teachers.

The National Union of Teachers said it had never advised teachers to go on the offensive. Headteachers criticised the advice as "dangerous".

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Mortgage rise

Millions of homeowners are facing higher mortgage bills after the Abbey National became the first big lender to raise its loan rate in response to last week's interest rate rise. The Northern Rock will adjust its rates today——Page 27

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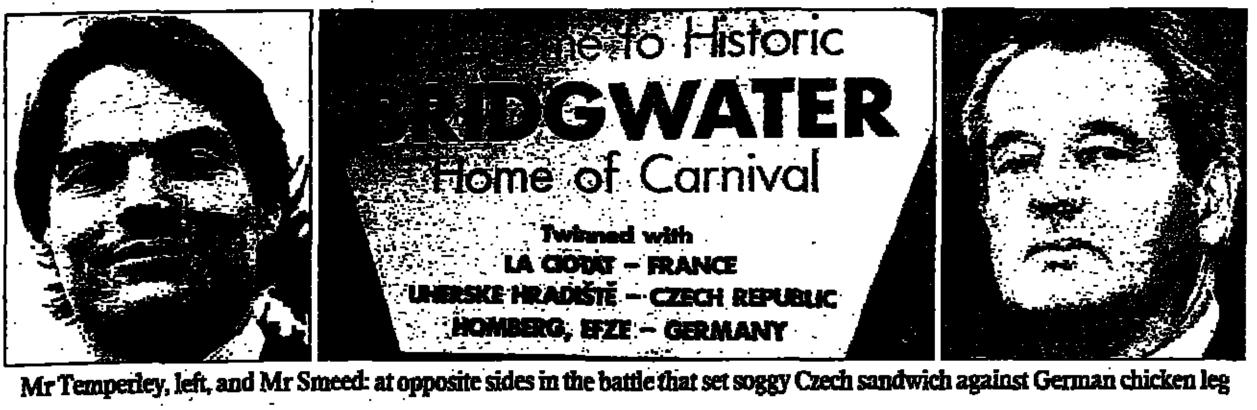

Mr Temperley, left, and Mr Smeed: at opposite sides in the battle that set soggy Czech sandwich against German chicken leg

Flying tonight: friendship suppers

By Simon de Bruxelles

AN EVENING intended to cement international friendships ended with the police being called after a fight broke out over food and a German woman was injured by a flying plate of chicken legs.

The battle began when 30 German dignitaries from Homberg were being entertained at the arts centre in their twin town of Bridgwater in Somerset. In the adjoining room was a small party from the Czech Republic celebrating Bridgwater's twinning with the town of Uherske Hradiste.

Caterers mistakenly put food for the Czech-Slovak Friendship Society on the same table as that for the Bridgwater-Homberg Link Society. It was divided up but the Czech group's English host claimed the German party had taken all the best food.

Humphrey Temperley, the Old Etonian deputy leader of Somerset County Council, said: "It appeared to me all they were getting were plates of soggy sandwiches so I walked into the adjoining room to get them a plate of chicken legs and salami. I never made it back."

Mr Temperley, 48, a Liberal Democrat, said: "I was hit from all sides by people at the German reception. I used to play wing-threequarter and had never been tackled so hard as when I tried to make my way back with the food."

During the fracas a middle-aged German woman was hit in the face by a flying tray, bruising her nose and cheekbone. A tall Englishmen was seen marching up and down in a Basil Fawlty impersonation of a goose-stepping German. Eventually the German party locked themselves in a room with their food and Mr Temperley called the police.

He said: "It was disgusting. The county council had paid for food for our Czech guests and they weren't getting any, so I decided to do something about it. It was a pathetic, embarrassing farce."

Phil Smeed, a retired police superintendent who had organised the evening for the guests from Germany, said: "I was amazed, appalled and astonished that someone in such an apparently responsible position could behave in the way he did.

"For some reason the food for both receptions had been placed in our suite and when that was spotted the staff came and divided it up and took some next door to the Czechs.

"But then Humphrey Temperley came in and grabbed more handfuls of chicken and salami. I went to complain to the staff and when I got back to the top of the stairs I was showered with chicken legs.

"Food was scattered all over the floor as people tried to stop him taking two trays. Several people were in shock, including a German lady who was hit in the face by a plate of chicken legs. The average age of the guests must have been well into the 60s. We're really too old for punch-ups."

A police spokesman said yesterday: "We received a call to a disturbance at the Bridgwater Arts Centre on Friday. But by the time our officers arrived the disturbance had died down and we did not receive any complaints."

Woodward thanks judge who freed her

By Our Foreign Staff

LOUISE WOODWARD, the British au pair, broke her silence yesterday to thank the Massachusetts judge who freed her and to mourn the baby she was convicted of killing.

"I am enormously relieved that Judge [Hiller] Zobel has seen fit to give me back my liberty," Miss Woodward, 19, said in a statement.

"I have been deeply saddened by Matthew Eappen's death . . . as anyone listening to the 911 tape can readily understand. I loved Matthew. I know that his family is unable to understand or believe me because they are so convinced that I killed him or at least contributed to his death. I pray that further investigation convinces the Eappen family that I did their son no harm."

Judge Zobel reduced Miss Woodward's conviction to manslaughter on Monday and gave her a jail sentence equal to the time she had already served.

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Blair goes down big with Britain's bosses

MATTHEW PARRIS

POLITICAL SKETCH

IT IS a fact of no great consequence, yet indicative of something so remarkable about our present condition that the ordinary journalistic rules of simple sentence construction fail me, that at 12.20pm on a clear-skied autumn Tuesday, in a year *almost within sobbing* distance of the end of the 20th century, 500 richly suited men and women, individuals at the very top of their chosen business professions, busy people, people of singular intellect and judgment who between them hold the levers of power across a great swath of British commerce and industry, hastened by aeroplane, taxi, train, Rover, Jaguar, Rolls-Royce and Mercedes Benz from the four corners of the United Kingdom and gathered in a darkened hall in a conference centre in Birmingham and sat together waiting in an excited,, expectant and expensive hush, for the transmission upon a large rectangular cloth screen of a moving picture of the features of *Anthony Charles Lynton Blair*, and for the sound of his voice. The performance is now available on tape. How expensive this was to produce we cannot say, but it must have been one of the most costly to watch in the history of broadcasting.

I, too, hastened to the CBI conference, choosing the front row.

As a talk from a real headmistress neared its end, excitement mounted at the prospect of a talk from a virtual Prime Minister. The chairman, Sir Colin Marshall, indicating the screen above his head, warned his audience: "There is a danger that at some point the Prime Minister may appear up there."

He did. "*I now have a cue that* tells me we have to conclude." Sir Colin blushed — and there Blair was, larger than life, on the wall. The gap between his eyes was nearly two feet across. "Tony Blair is moving to us through cyber technology," Sir Colin gasped as, through the ether, an image of Mr Blair's dreadful tie, orange with black polka dots, was beamed to Birmingham, six feet long. The Head was frowning and nodding.

"Education is your undoubted passion," Sir Colin warbled to the Tie, "we await your words with great anticipation." Might he be about to prostrate himself in front of the screen?

Mr Blair said nothing much and said it for about 20 minutes. His eyeballs were the size of tennis balls and kept flicking, so you knew he was reading a script. "Let me set out the basic principles of a modern economic policy." The Eyeballs flicked. Five hundred eager little faces gazed up at the screen as Mr Blair expanded.

"There is a new sense of national purpose!" exclaimed the Mouth. "Together, let us get on and do it!" The Eyeballs were still. A thousand plump little hands applauded the wall.

"You have kindly agreed to respond to a couple of questions," Sir Colin said to the Eyeballs. The huge Head nodded. Odd that, although hanging in the air were a number of doubts on a variety of newsworthy controversies, Sir Colin asked the Tie to lay our fears to rest over trade union legislation and to enlarge a little on "the challenging global targets that you, Prime Minister, have made a centrepiece of your political agenda." The Mouth knew all about global targets.

"Thank you," Sir Colin breathed, "for such a detailed explanation." The Eyeballs blinked. "We hope next year we'll have the privilege of your company in *person*." A very slight frown flickered between the Eyeballs. "And that," Sir Colin gushed, "rounds off our conference extremely well and on a very positive note indeed."

The slightest inclination of the Head acknowledged the tribute. *Then they turned him off.*

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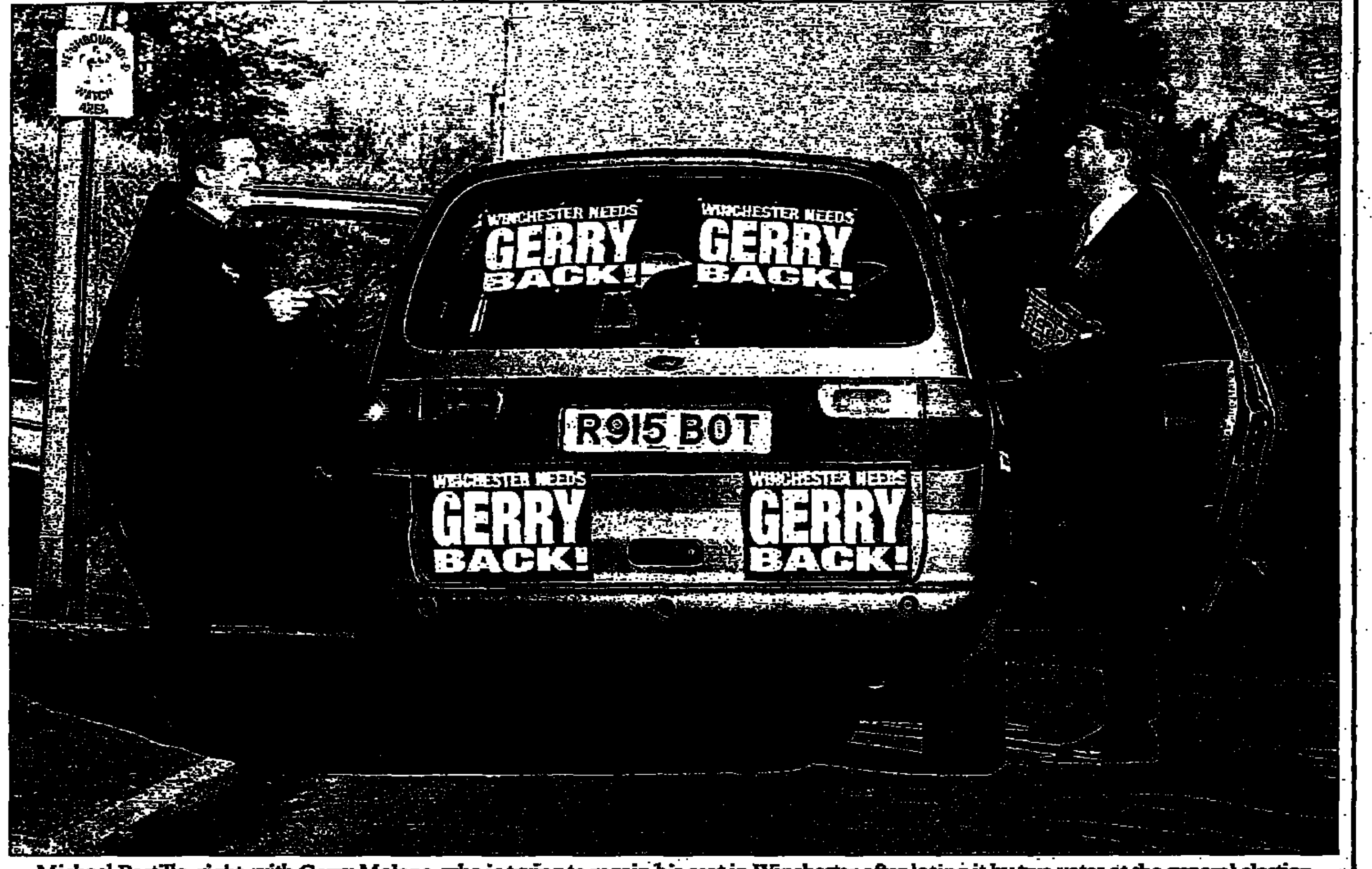
Portillo returns to frontline campaign

By James Landale and Nicholas Watt

ANDREW HASSON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Michael Portillo, right, with Gerry Malone, who is trying to regain his seat in Winchester after losing it by two votes at the general election

MICHAEL PORTILLO yesterday cast himself in the unlikely role of an amateur politician just helping out an old friend at a by-election.

Out campaigning for Gerald Malone, *the defeated Tory* MP seeking to recapture Winchester, the former Defence Secretary, declared: "I have no political role. I'm just a layman helping out at a by-election."

In his first foray into the political fray since his conference fringe speech calling for a new, caring Tory party, Mr Portillo struck a markedly humble note, insisting it was too early for him to seek re-election. But despite his declaration after losing his seat in May that he would take a break from politics and "get a life", Mr Portillo yesterday *insisted that he had always* planned to help the party on the ground.

Hague: campaigning in Beckenham yesterday

Mr Portillo lost his Enfield, Southgate seat to Labour at the general election. Yesterday he said: "Coming to by-elections is an important contribution. I hope to be at many other elections to help more Conservatives get elected."

Couldn't he have helped by standing for the other by-election at Beckenham? "I *didn't think about it for very* long," he said. "It was too early to put myself up for re-election. If you have been defeated and pop up the next day asking to be re-elected, people will say you couldn't abide by the verdict of the electorate."

Mr Portillo has given Tory Central Office a week of his time to campaign around the country. He hopes to give 30 speeches in 30 constituencies.

So was the tour a pre-emptive leadership campaign ahead of changes to the rules that will give Tory grassroots a greater say? "That did not even occur to me," he said.

First stop was Minstrals Café in the heart of Winchester. Mr Malone said the election was too close to call, but predicted a "decisive result" for the Tories on November 20. William Hague's "clarity on EMU" was playing well on the doorstep, he *added*.

Mr Portillo attacked Mark Oaten, the Liberal Democrat candidate who won the seat in May by two votes, for his "Trappist silence", at Westminster. Mr Oaten, who has apparently spoken only once during his five-month tenure in the Commons, argues that there is more to being an MP than standing up in Parliament. He has written more than 100 letters to Ministers arguing Winchester's case.

Mr Portillo then headed off to press the flesh on the doorstep. After trying three empty houses in the village of Kings Worthy, Mr Portillo *finally happened upon James* and Andrea Hall, a retired ambulanceman and nurse. To his surprise, they were fans. "When are you going to get back in," asked an excited Mr Hall. "You've got to get back in."

Also out on the byelection campaign trail yesterday, William Hague set aside memories of Piers Merchant's fall from grace as he met the teenage pupils of a girls' school during a campaign tour of Beckenham, which also goes to the polls next Thursday.

Insisting that Mr Merchant was a distant memory, a *beaming* Mr Hague teased his audience as he toured the Langley Girls School. The by-election was caused by the resignation of Mr Merchant after he had an affair with a teenage nightclub hostess.

During a two-hour tour of the school Mr Hague stumbled across a classroom of pupils copying out nude figures by the French artist Henri Matisse. Leaning over the shoulder of one student Mr Hague said: "You are doing much better than I could have done."

Jacqui Lait, the Conservative candidate in next Thursday's by-election, could only *mutter that the classwork was* "very different to our age".

Mr Hague told his audience that the by-election gave then a chance to sensure the government for its unprincipled behaviour. "You have an opportunity in the by-election to say to the government that it cannot just behave like that. If you elect another Labour MP they will be lost amongst the mass of Labour MPs." In one pointed question Rachel Benn, 16, asked bluntly whether the single currency would split the Tory party. Mr Hague gave an emphatic no, adding that he had received a "tremendous reception" when he warned the CBI of the dangers of EMU on Monday.

☐ **Winchester general election result:** M. Oaten (LD) 26,100; G. Malone (C) 26,098; P. Davies (Lab) 6,528. Lib Dem majority 2.

☐ **Beckenham general election result:** P. Merchant (C) 23,084; R. Hughes (Lab) 18,131; R. Vetterlein (LD) 9,858. Tory majority: 4,953

Civilians may help to investigate police

By Stewart Tendler, *crime correspondent*

INDEPENDENT investigators may be recruited to examine allegations against police, a minister *told* MPs *yesterday*.

Alun Michael, the Home Office minister for police, said there were "strong arguments" for giving the Police Complaints Authority powers to appoint non-police investigators for cases that required specialist knowledge.

Complaints are usually investigated by officers from another force under the supervision of the authority. This has led to fears that inquiries *are not independent and* allegations that the police are being left to police themselves.

Although pressure groups have raised the idea of independent investigators, the Home Office has resisted it. But Mr Michael, giving evidence to the Commons Select Committee on Home Affairs, *said the possibility had been* considered when the Criminal Cases Review Commission was set up this summer. The commission has powers to appoint independent investigators.

Yesterday Mr Michael told the MPs that extending the powers to the authority was "something with which we have got a degree of sympathy" and ministers would be prepared to consider it.

Critics of an independent element have suggested the investigators would face lack of co-operation from police. Mr Michael said that he believed independent investigators would be accepted because they would be seen as part of a team.

But he was not convinced by *arguments that all police* complaints should be investigated by an independent commission. He asked where the staff would be recruited from and who would pay.

The Police Federation, representing junior ranks, has already said it would support independent investigators but *questioned how they might be* recruited. The Association of Chief Police Officers has also said it is not opposed in *principle but chief constables* question the costs and how a system of independent investigators might work. The complaints authority suggests it would cost up to *£30 million* a year.

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on some campaigning activities to repay the money quickly. There might even be some redundancies, although that *seems* unlikely. Labour *spent* £27 million in the two years up to the election and has a £4 million overdraft.

Asked yesterday if he expected *something in return for* his donation, Mr Ecclestone said: "I don't want anything. I still don't want anything." He had made the gift in January when no one was discussing tobacco sponsorship and he described accusations that his donation was influential in the Government's decision to exempt Formula One from the ban on such sponsorship as "completely stupid" and "not fair".

But John Maples, the Shadow Healthy Secretary, said that Labour's admission of the donation sat uneasily with its rhetoric in opposition. Then it claimed that the party in government needed to be open about funding. "In stark contrast, this admission has had to be dragged out of them under pressure from the media. Labour would never have admitted to this donation if the spotlight on the link between Formula One and Labour had not been highlighted last week."

During his Today interview, Mr Ashdown said that the present system of party funding put "excruciating judgments" in the hands of parties that could lead to considerable difficulties. "It's not easy. It's important that parties should retain some of the legitimacy they get from fundraising in public. But also parties should not be drawn into decisions which can lead them to damage the reputation of our politics *and political decision*-making." There had to be a framework in which sensible decisions could be made.

William Hague has said *that he is against state funding* of political parties.

Thief may return Prince's letters

By Richard Owen and Stewart Tendler

A CONVICTED Italian petty thief yesterday offered to hand back personal letters he claimed to have stolen along with jewellery from the Prince of Wales' apartments in St James's Palace three years ago.

Renato Rinino, 35, who was first convicted aged 16, claimed he still had letters addressed to the Prince from Camilla Parker Bowles.

Speaking through his lawyer, Alessandro Garassini, in Savona, he said he was willing to return the stolen items provided he was able to "meet *the Prince and his sons face to* face." Signor Garassini said his understanding was that the British courts could not press charges against his client after a gap of three years. The burglary took place at St James's Palace in February 1994. The thief rifled the Prince's private apartments and took jewellery worth £65,000. The next a day a man of Italian or Mediterranean appearance sold a pair of the Prince's cufflinks "for scrap" to a Hatton Garden bullion dealer but he was never caught and no other items were recovered.

Yesterday Signor Garassini said Rinino, who is at present in jail for a string of petty offences, had *told* him him that during a visit to London three years ago he had "burgled a *splendid house in* London without having any idea who its illustrious owner was". It was allegedly only later that Rinino realised that the apartments *belonged* to the Prince.

IN BRIEF

Lords back total ban on handguns

Peers last night backed down from a further confrontation with the Government when they agreed to drop two amendments to legislation which will impose a total ban on handguns.

Weeks after inflicting a *double defeat on the Government,* the House of *Lords threw out the two* amendments which would have allowed disabled people to use small calibre weapons and competitive shooters to practise at approved centres. The Bill is now set to receive Royal Assent and become law.

Homes alert

Social housing in London is facing crisis because the rising price of land and property in most areas is making it almost impossible for housing associations to acquire new sites for development, according to a report by the National Housing Federation.

Conjugal rights

Sinn Fein has called for immediate negotiations *on the release of its prisoners* and, in the meantime, for them to be allowed more contact with their families, including "facilities for the enjoyment of conjugal relationships".

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Children at risk

A million children in Britain could be losing out on their childhood because they have to look after an alcoholic parent. Many are abused physically and sexually, and *neglected emotionally*, according to reports from the charities Alcohol Concern and ChildLine.

Victim 'wanted'

Rudolf "Rudi" King, 22, shot in his car in Willesden, northwest London, was being sought for the murder of Meshach Welsh, 20, outside Trenz nightclub in Hackney, *Scotland Yard said*: Two men arrested after the shooting have been released on police bail.

Cool Yule tips

A day-long seminar for people who can't cope with Christmas has been *launched by the relation*ship counselling service Relate. The £35 course on November 29 at Southampton City College will concentrate on teaching families to communicate and not expect too much.

Retiring rhino

A rhinoceros is being retired to Scotland because it is too old to breed. Dick, 28, will join two other elderly rhinos at the Blair Drummond Safari Park near Stirling. All come from the West *Midlands Safari Park* in Bewdley, Hereford and Worcester.

CORRECTION

A caption to an agency photo*graph yesterday accompany*ing an article on the Spice Girls wrongly identified the man shown as Simon Fuller: in fact it was Bob Grace, the group's song publisher. We apologise for the error.

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Mischa with Rockwell in the film. She plays a child with a crush on the gardener

Little star is told that she must not see the big picture

By Dalya Alberge, Arts Correspondent

A BRITISH actress who flew from New York to London for her first film premiere has been told that she will not be allowed to watch. Mischa Barton is 11 years old, and censors have given the film a 15-certificate.

The little star of *Lawn Dogs* was keeping fairly cool about the problem last night — she said she would prefer to go for an ice cream with her mother anyway. But the producer Duncan Kenworthy, whose last feature was *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, said: "It's ironic that having spent two and a half months playing this role, she is still four years too young to be allowed to see the finished film."

Mischa will be allowed to stand briefly before the audience as the film is introduced tonight at the London Film Festival in Leicester Square. She was born in Hammersmith, West London, to British parents who later moved to New York. In the film, she plays a troubled ten-year-old who imagines a relationship with a 22-year-old man who mows her family's lawn.

Mrs Nuala Barton, whose husband is a financier, said that she has allowed Mischa to have a private screening on video, as there was nothing particularly explicit about the film, beyond that the male lead, played by Sam Rockwell, is seen jumping off a bridge in the nude and in a trailer with a woman.

"But that's a sound thing," she said. "You might see one breast, but it's not explicit, and Mischa was not involved in it, though when you see it, it looks as if she's watching."

Mrs Barton said her daughter's discovery was like a fairy story. She was approached by agent who saw her perform a work created in a summer camp. Although many child stars do not come to terms with early success, Mischa has been performed in four off-Broadway plays since she was eight. "She has come into this business from a serious perspective — the theatre", said her mother. "It's not a big money thing. It is for the love of doing it."

Mischa, who expects to be having ice cream with her mother and her younger sister, Hania, nine, said: "It's a funny feeling when they won't let you see your own movie. But I'm sort-of secretly pleased. I love Häagen-Dazs."

Lawn Dogs goes on general release from November 21. Although shot in America, it was produced, directed and financed by Britain. The director was John Duigan, whose previous movies include *Sirens* and *Flirting*.

Mr Kenworthy, the producer, said: "With most child actors, you have to piece together a performance from here and there.

"With Mischa, we could have played every scene in its entirety as a close-up of her face, and you would never have caught a single false moment."

SIMON WALKER

Missing the premiere, but hoping for an ice cream instead: Mischa with her sister Hania, 9

Queen declines to fill up with 99p hot dog

By Damian Whitworth

THE Queen was introduced to the delights of do-it-yourself hot dogs yesterday but declined to share the experience of those of her subjects who like to eat on the move.

The 99p hot dogs, among a variety of petrol station fare, caught the eye of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh during a visit to the London headquarters of Shell. Both were apparently a little astonished by this latest product offered to motorists at filling station forecourt shops.

The "machine" containing rows of sausages and neatly-wrapped rolls, with serve-yourself tongs, was on display at an exhibition marking the centenary of Shell.

Hazel Catterall, manager of Shell shops' areas, said: "The Queen was surprised at the eating people do on the move these day and that there was such a thing as hot dogs that people make up themselves."

Despite the presence of large plastic bottles of ketchup and mustard for customers' use, the Queen and the Duke declined even a single bite. Nor were they tempted by chicken korma, cheeseburgers and beefburgers with relish, each in little boxes, designed for heating in the adjoining microwave ovens.

"The Duke said he had read that in Scotland only 40 per cent of people eat together as families now," Raju Sivakumaran, a regional shops manager, said. "He took a lot of interest, asking who makes our sandwiches and how long things keep fresh. He was very interested in the hot dogs but he didn't let on whether he had ever had a hot dog himself."

Rape victim, 56, makes appeal to her attacker

By Joanna Bale

A GRANDMOTHER who was raped by a man suspected of a series of attacks on women yesterday urged him to give himself up.

In a rare public appeal by a rape victim, the 56-year-old businesswoman described how the man dragged her into bushes as she walked alone in the dark to a car park in Saffron Walden, Essex. The man told her he had a knife, punched her in the face, and ripped off her clothing during the ten-minute ordeal last Wednesday evening.

Afterwards she managed to alert a 17-year-old youth in a parked car who called the police.

The mother of four told a press conference how she managed a conversation with her attacker despite her terror. "I said, 'Would you want your mother to go through this?' and he said 'No, I wouldn't let it happen.'

"I said that if there was another rapist like him out there, maybe his mother would be next."

She said she had a message for her attacker: "I beg you to please come forward. You need help. Nobody in their right mind would have done this to a mother of my age, or even to a young person.

"You may not intend to kill somebody but you may well do it out of sheer panic as you could well have done to me that night.

"I know you think you have got away with it but you have not because as long as I have the strength of my friends police and family, you will not. I am determined to see you come to justice very quickly."

Her adult son, who sat by her at the press conference at Braintree police station, Essex, sobbed as she spoke of her ordeal.

Urging other victims to come forward, she said: "I think it's very important that I make this appeal so that other people who have been raped will know that you can survive and you need to be strong."

Police have linked the attack with the rape of a 21-year-old woman in Kelvedon, ten miles away, on August 5. They also believe he may have knocked out a young Japanese language student in Saffron Walden a week before, and raped a French student near Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, on October 3. He is described as about 20 with very short hair.

Bulger mother is upset by ruling

By Richard Ford

THE mother of James Bulger yesterday criticised the Home Secretary's failure to inform her of new rules governing the detention of the two boys who murdered her son.

Denise Bulger, 30, said: "The Home Secretary has said that he will consider early release of my son's murderers. I cannot put into words how upset I am by this news. I need to know where I stand so I can do what I can to ensure that they serve the 'very many years' that the trial judge said they should serve."

Jack Straw is to set new minimum terms that Jon Venables and Robert Thompson, both 14, must serve following a Law Lords ruling that Michael Howard was wrong to set the term at 15 years. Mr Straw will review the progress of the two boys at the half way stage.

James, aged two, disappeared during a shopping trip in Bootle in February 1993. The trial judge recommended that the boys serve a minimum of eight years, increased to ten years by the former Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth. Mr Howard increased it to 15 years.

Britain's oldest bird presumed lost at sea

BRITAIN'S oldest bird is feared dead after she failed to show up for her normal breeding season. Flora the fulmar had returned to the isle of Eynhallow in Orkney each year since the early 1950s.

Scientists who had been studying her for signs of senility now fear she has died of old age. Flora was ringed as an adult bird 46 years ago, and has laid at least one egg a year ever since.

Experts believe that Flora may be aged over 50. She has already outlived one of Scotland's best-known wildlife experts, who had been involved in a detailed study of fulmars on Eynhallow since 1951. George Dunnet, a zoology professor, died suddenly two years ago aged 67. The fulmar study is being continued by Peter Cosgrove, 28, also of Aberdeen University.

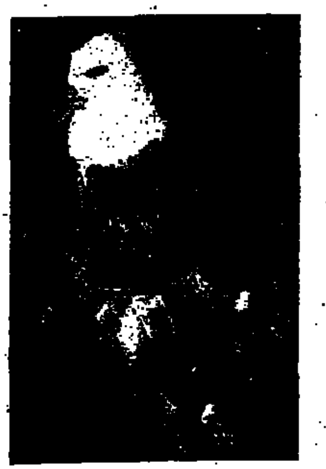
At the Culterty field station at Newburgh, Aberdeenshire, Dr Cosgrove said yesterday: "We are very concerned that the bird may now be dead. The only other possibility is that she is still roaming the oceans because she is maybe too old to breed. It would be a real shame if that is the case because I have grown very fond of her."

Flora became so used to scientists' interest that whenever they went to put a new ring on her every year she used to lift her leg to help them with their task.

Mike Everett, of the Royal society for the Protection of Birds, said yesterday: "This fulmar is very well known in ornothological circles because she is the oldest bird ever recorded in Britain."

Fulmars usually live to an average of 20 to 25 years. The birds survive for so long partly because of their excellent defence system: they lodge some fish offal at the back of their throats and if a bird of prey tries to attack, spit a foul-smelling sticky substance more than 20ft. This oily liquid removes the waterproofing from an attacking bird's wings and the predator usually dies soon after.

Fulmars nest on bare rock ledges on sea cliffs and usually lay just one egg each year. In Victorian times they were known only on St Kilda, but they have spread around Britain's coastline, with the population now estimated at 300,000 pairs.



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Au pair's story could be worth more than £1m

BY CAROL MIDGLEY
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

Woodward: advised not to sign contracts yet

LOUISE WOODWARD stands to make more than million from newspaper, film and book deals once she is back in Britain, experts said last night. Several US film companies have begun bidding for the rights to her story.

But Miss Woodward's lawyer, Barry Scheck, has advised her to sign nothing until the legal process in America has been completed.

The prosecution lawyers are appealing against her revised sentence and Miss Woodward herself is appealing against her conviction for manslaughter, a process which could take months. Public opinion in the US is already turning against the au pair and her advisers are concerned that she does not appear to be cashing in on her freedom.

Miss Woodward's family had a £50,000 agreement with the *Daily Mail* based on her acquittal. It expired several days ago but it is understood the newspaper is bidding for a new contract against several other newspapers.

Hello! magazine is understood to have offered £100,000 for the first pictures of the Woodward family reunited. Paying money to convicted criminals and their families is against the Press Complaints Commission's code of practice. But Lord Rothermere, chairman of the Daily Mail & General Trust, last night defended the move adding that "pedants make poor journalists".

He said that victims could only sue criminals for compensation if they had money. "If you pay convicted people for their story it enables the victim to sue for compensation," he said.

A crew from Carlton Television's *The Big Story* has had an arrangement with Mr and Mrs Woodward but a spokesman said there have been no payments made.

The publicist Max Clifford yesterday claimed he had been asked to represent Miss Woodward but refused because he did not believe she was innocent. He estimated she would make at least £500,000 for her story but the money should be given to charity. He told Talk Radio: "If she wants to retain the popularity and compassion of the British public she will have to be careful what she does."

Sky News claimed that the number of viewers who watched Miss Woodward being sentenced on Monday broke its records, with 1.7 million watching in Britain alone.

The case has also prompted attacks on the competence of childcare experts involved. Miss Woodward's legal team turned their fire yesterday on "bogus specialists in the child abuse industry" who had whipped up hysteria.

Mr Scheck said that the American National Academy of the Sciences should put together a team to define "shaken baby syndrome" and other supposed symptoms of child abuse.

Writing in yesterday's *Wall Street Journal*, Harvey Silverglate, another of Miss Woodward's team, called for a crusade against "junk science". He blamed her original conviction for murder on the manipulation of the jury by "ideologically motivated physicians, social scientists and social workers who proceed from trial to trial offering seemingly incontrovertible scientific evidence that a seriously injured child had to have been the victim of abuse, rather than of accident or even illness".

The tragedy of Louise Woodward's time with the Eappen family has led to a frenzy of bidding by media groups for her first-hand account

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Eappens stay on offensive over ruling

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN CAMBRIDGE

THE mother of Matthew Eappen criticised Judge Hiller Zobel yesterday for freeing Louise Woodward. While newspaper editorials across America greeted her release with approval, Deborah Eappen said: "To see Louise essentially exonerated, released to the cheers of her fan club — to see her as some kind of hero — what is Judge Zobel thinking?"

Polls suggested that popular opinion, while in favour of the judge's ruling to reduce the charges to manslaughter, was against his decision to free her so soon. In a joint poll conducted by the newspaper *USA Today*, CNN television and Gallup, 52 per cent disapproved of the au pair's release, with 37 per cent in favour.

In an interview with *The Boston Globe*, Deborah Eappen attacked what the judge described as "a compassionate conclusion". She said: "Compassionate for whom? For a defendant who didn't ask for compassion? For a defendant who didn't take responsibility, who denies what she did, who is in denial about the seriousness of her actions?"

She added: "Louise killed Matty, and Judge Zobel at once admits that and then does not make her take responsibility for what she did. Would he do that for a poor black or Hispanic defendant?"

In an editorial entitled "Judge Zobel's justice" *The Boston Globe* said "the Woodward trial, for all its intricacies and turns, has come to a just conclusion". The *New York Times* reached the same conclusion. It said: "By finding Ms Woodward guilty but sentencing her to the 279 days she has already served, Judge Zobel made use of a safety valve in Massachusetts law designed to serve justice in those rare cases when a conscientious jury produces a bad decision."

But the *New York Post* and the *Boston Herald*, two tabloid newspapers with large circulations disagreed. The *Post* said: "We don't know how many guilty-as-sin muggers, rapists and worse are going to be citing this directed verdict to justify lenient treatment for themselves — but we would guess that it'll be a lot. And they'll have a point."

The *Herald* asked "So this is justice?"

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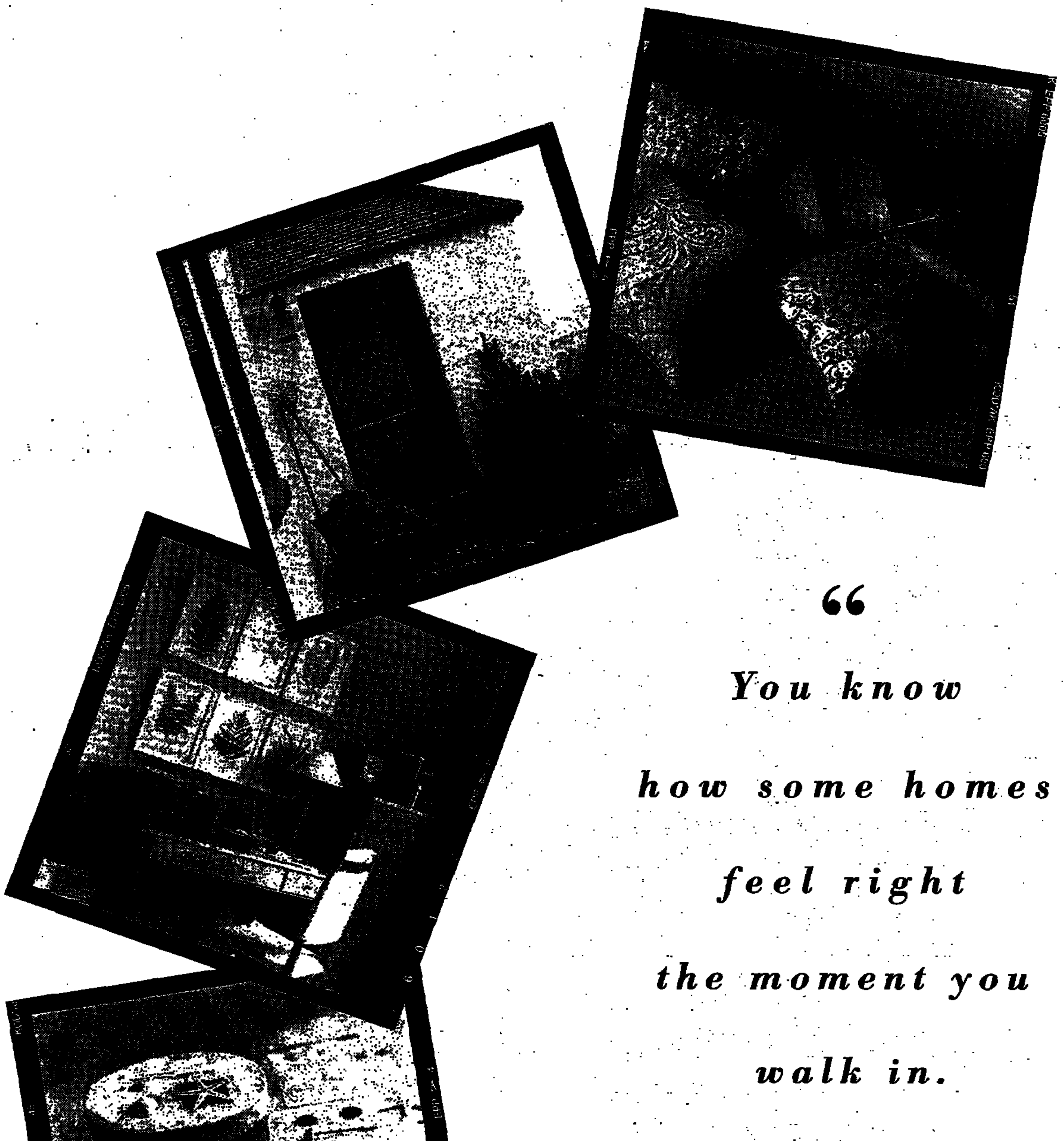

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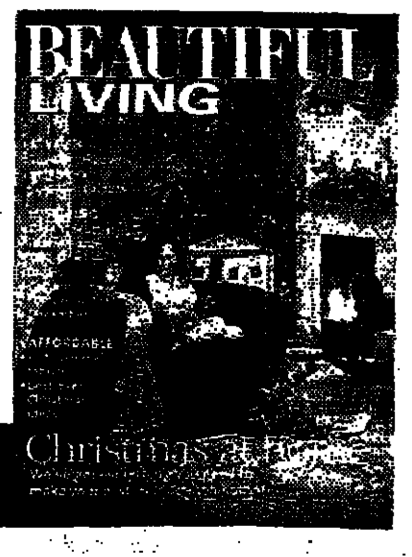

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New Irish President makes peace priority

Mary McAleese aims to end bitter enmities, reports Audrey Magee

MARY MCALEESE was sworn in as the eighth President of Ireland yesterday and pledged to use her seven-year term to bring peace to Ulster.

Mrs McAleese, a former Belfast law professor and first Irish President from Northern Ireland, said it was possible to end the enmity between Unionists and nationalists if people across Ireland worked with her to create a "wonderful millennium gift" of peace.

A Roman Catholic and unapologetic nationalist from Ardoyne in Belfast, Mrs McAleese said that she wanted to help to unite nationalist and Unionists. Neither side had a monopoly on pain and both had suffered intensely from the 28 years of conflict, she said.

"We hope and pray, indeed we insist, that we have seen the last of violence. We demand the right to solve our problems by dialogue and the noble pursuit of consensus," she said.

Mrs McAleese acknowledged, however, that mistrust ran deep and that to speak of reconciliation was to "raise a nervous query" in those in Northern Ireland who support British rule. She said it was fitting that her inauguration in Dublin Castle coincided with Armistice Day, the day to remember Unionists and nationalists who fought side by side during the world wars.

Mrs McAleese's children look on as she takes the oath *of office during the inauguration at Dublin Castle*

Mrs McAleese declined, however, to wear a poppy to remember the dead. The flower is widely viewed by nationalists as a symbol of Unionism.

Her pledge to build bridges was undermined, however, by the absence of Ulster's Unionists at the inauguration ceremony. They declined invitations in protest at Articles 2 and 3 of the Irish Constitution laying territorial claim to Northern Ireland.

Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, was among the 600 guests in St Patrick's Hall. He sat next to John Hume, SDLP leader, who was next to Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary.

Lord Alderdice, the Alliance Party leader, was also present despite his call to Mrs McAleese to stand down after it was alleged during the election campaign that she was a Sinn Fein supporter. Lord Alderdice sat next to George Mitchell, the former US senator and chairman of the Stormont talks. Mary Robinson, the former President, sat behind Mrs McAleese.

Among guests personally invited by Mrs McAleese to the ceremony, where dress was informal for the first time, were the poet Seamus Heaney, the former Beirut hostage Brian Keenan and Anne Maguire, one of the *Maguire Seven* alleged in 1974 to have housed a bomb-making factory in London.

Mrs McAleese, 46, also drew up a list of 25 guests to represent the various strands of Irish life, including an Irish dancer, waitress and journalist. She included one Unionist in her list, Harvey Bicker, a UUP councillor from Down and friend of Mrs McAleese.

Her speech met with a frosty reception from Unionists. Jeffrey Donaldson, UUP MP for Lagan Valley, said said Mrs McAleese would have to back words with deeds.

"If she wants to be a bridge builder she will have to encourage the Irish Government to drop its constitutional claim over Northern Ireland," he said.

School pupils greet Mary McAleese after the ceremony in which many strands of Irish life were represented

Robinson attacks UN's record

By Michael Binyon, Diplomatic Editor

MARY ROBINSON, the former President of Ireland, yesterday launched a scathing attack on her new employer, the United Nations, accusing it of wasting billions of dollars and failing "on a scale that shames us all".

The newly appointed UN Commissioner for Human Rights, speaking in Oxford, said that the UN had "lost the plot" on fighting abuses and that the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal *Declaration of Human Rights* was no occasion for celebration.

She said: "We still have widespread discrimination on the basis of gender, ethnicity, religious belief or sexual orientation and there is still genocide — twice in this decade alone. There are 48 countries with more than one fifth of the population living in what we have grown used to calling 'absolute poverty'."

She said such failures cried out for a fresh approach and said she would be writing to all Governments to support her work, and to all foreign ministers to review the results of the Vienna human rights convention five years after its signature.

Ukrainian sailor tried to swap lethal pen for TV

A UKRAINIAN sailor who tried to swap a James Bond-style pen gun for a colour television was fined £500 yesterday. Alexsander Osipenko told a shopkeeper he tried to do the deal with: "You have burglars, you kill them, bye bye."

A police armourer said the device could fire shotgun pellets or CS gas bullets, and could be lethal.

Janet Furlonger, for the prosecution, told Camborne Magistrates Court that the 35-year-old Ukrainian was third in command on the *Zodiak*, a Russian fish factory ship. She said he and a shipmate went into the Cornish port of Falmouth looking for electrical goods. The pair went into the Dig and Delve second-hand shop and inquired about a television set. Osipenko then pulled out the fountain pen gun from his jacket pocket and offered it to Geoffrey Camden-Wiles, the shopkeeper. The Ukrainian then demonstrated how to unscrew the pen and load a bullet.

Mr Camden-Wiles alerted police and Customs officers who boarded the *Zodiak*, arrested the men and confiscated the gun.

When interviewed by police Osipenko claimed that the remark about shooting burglars was a joke. Fred Howell, for the defence, apologised to the court on his client's behalf. He said: "Osipenko has never been in trouble with the police, does not associate with criminals and does not like guns. He had been given the pen gun by a friend. Osipenko is paid only £45 a week even though he is third in command on the ship that has 69 crew."

Through a translater, Osipenko admitted a charge of possessing a firearm which was disguised as a pen. He was fined £500 plus £54 costs. The gun was destroyed.

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Teenager 'tortured for weeks before murder'

FROM THE PRESS ASSOCIATION

A TEENAGER was systematically tortured by her 49-year-old boyfriend for up to four weeks before she was murdered, a court was told yesterday. Kelly Bates, 17, had 150 injuries. She was blinded, stabbed, burnt, scalded, partially scalped and starved before drowning in a bath. Police found her naked body in the upstairs bedroom of her boyfriend's house in Gorton, Greater Manchester.

Peter Openshaw, QC, for the prosecution, told the jury at Manchester Crown Court that the teenager's eyes were gouged out at least a week, but perhaps three weeks before her death. She had also been stabbed in the eye sockets in the three days before her death. Mr Openshaw said that the victim's "physical pain would have been intense, causing anguish and torment to the point of mental breakdown and collapse".

Her facial injuries, including stab wounds to her ears, eyes and the inside of her mouth, were "as if he was deliberately disfiguring her".

The jury was told how Miss Bates, from Hattersley, Greater Manchester, was a strong and *sporty girl who* had wanted to be a teacher. She was at college in Hyde and worked for a graphics firm in Audenshaw, both Greater Manchester.

Miss Bates had started a relationship with James Smith, who is unemployed, when she was 14 or 15. She had not told her parents, fearing their disapproval. She eventually moved in with Mr Smith at his two-bedroom semi-detached house in Gorton. She briefly split up with him but returned to the home in November 1995.

Miss Bates's parents, Margaret and Thomas, had become increasingly concerned about her welfare and saw her with bruises and a bite mark which she passed off as an accident. At Christmas she gave up her job and her mother noted she was sometimes strange during telephone conversations. Miss Bates's brother Andrew had confronted Mr Smith about his sister's welfare at the *house in Gorton*, and was sure *that she had been hiding in the* loft, the jury was told. In March, Miss Bates failed to sign cards for her parents' wedding anniversary and for her father's birthday.

Mr Openshaw said: "Little is known about the last month *in her life*. She was in effect a prisoner in her home."

The jury was told how Mr Smith had bumped into a friend at a supermarket and commented how "his girlfriend and her lying were *making him* mad and said he could understand how a man *could kill a woman*".

On April 16 Mr Smith went to Gorton Police Station and said he had killed his girlfriend. He told officers that during an argument while she was in the bath, she had swallowed water. He said she often pretended to be unconscious but he had been back two or three times to check. Mr Openshaw told the jury to brace themselves as he read out the catalogue of injuries Miss Bates had suffered. He said: "She had been stabbed *and cut many times, with cuts* on her face, even in her mouth. She had been scalded on her buttocks and burnt with a domestic iron and possibly a cigarette end. She had a fractured arm and crushed fingers. Her eyes had been gouged out and then some days later she had been stabbed into the eyes. The actual cause of death, which must have been merciful, was drowning in the bath. The injuries must have been caused over a long period of time, at least a week, maybe a couple of weeks, maybe a month, before her death."

Some of the injuries — including ligature and pressure marks to the neck and marks on her knees that suggested she had been kneeling on floorboards for a considerable time — had begun to heal.

Mr Smith denies murder. The trial continues.

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Kelly Bates, a sporty girl who had wanted to be a teacher. She suffered 150 wounds

Lottery pub game seen as social evil

BY RICHARD FORD

LOTTERY-style gambling in thousands of public houses and clubs is to be banned, amid alarm among ministers at the dangers of mixing alcohol and gaming in unregulated conditions.

George Howarth is expected to announce later this week that the Government will legislate to outlaw pub lottery games, which a number of firms are poised to launch.

Mr Howarth, the minister with responsibility for gaming, will tell MPs of the social dangers of allowing the potentially addictive games to be introduced in public houses. It is understood ministers are concerned that pub lottery games would be aimed at pubs used by the poor.

Mr Howarth is to make his announcement only weeks before Inter Lotto planned to launch *Pronto!* in 2,000 outlets. Gamblers can bet on screens in pubs at five-minute intervals, with jackpots of more than £20,000.

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Parents take Blunkett to court over school ban

BY DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

A HEAD teacher who feared for his life when attacked by a parent was wrong to ban the man's 12-year-old daughter from the school, the High Court was told yesterday.

David Blunkett, the Education Secretary, was accused of flouting a "fundamental principle of free state education" by allowing Southlands Comprehensive School in New Romney, Kent, to refuse to teach the girl.

Teachers regarded the attack on Eamonn Cahill as attempted murder and had threatened industrial action if forced to have anything to do with the family, the court was told. Cherie Booth, QC, said that Mr Blunkett had overruled his predecessor, Gillian Shephard, who had decided the school's action was unlawful and had ordered it to take her back.

Ms Booth said: "It is a fundamental principle of free state education that schools are available to a child in their area. It is not for the teachers to pick and choose which child they will educate, still less which parents they will allow to be involved with the school."

Ms Booth, representing the parents, added: "The governing body cannot sit on their *hands* and allow the teachers to defy the law."

Mr Blunkett said that the girl, who cannot be named, would be better off at another school because of the governors' stance and Kent County Council's offer of free transport to an alternative school.

John Friel, for the governors, admitted they were in breach of their duty to the girl, but said they agreed that the teachers were justified in refusing to have anything to do with her family.

In a statement, Mr Cahill described the attack, which happened in May 1996 after the parents were summoned to discuss their elder daughter's refusal to wear school uniform. "The father grabbed me, pushed me across the room and began twisting my tie. I had no doubt he was attempting to kill me.

"This was a serious and deliberate attempt to strangle me. His wife stood there, watching. I genuinely feared for my life. I could not breathe and everything went black."

Mr Friel said that while the youngster was blameless, a catalogue of incidents before the attack on Mr Cahill led to the school's refusal to take her and to the expulsion of her elder sister. "The two older children had shown contempt for the school and authority generally. They had a very serious record of antisocial and criminal behaviour."

The record of the older *children* included violent behaviour, bullying, setting fire to public property, theft, fraud, and a serious incident of indecent exposure, he said.

The case continues.

Unruly family of 9 evicted by judges

BY JOANNA BALE

A COUPLE whose children terrorised a council housing estate were ordered out of their home by judges at the Court of Appeal yesterday.

Three brothers in the family had seven convictions for burglary at homes on the Spencer Estate in Northampton, a headmistress was targeted for harassment after she expelled one of the boys and another woman who "felt like a prisoner in her own home" was forced to leave the area.

Robert and Margaret Lovatt and their seven children had a total of 11 convictions in 1994 but the harassment and racial abuse continued through to the summer of 1996, the judges said. The family had appealed over the eviction order imposed by Northampton Borough Council because they claimed that none of the trouble had been caused within 100 metres of their home. Lord Justice Henry and Lord Justice Chadwick ruled that the term "neighbour" could apply to anyone living on the same estate.

Lord Justice Henry said: "In these days of amplified music, there is force in G K Chesterton's observation, 'Your next-door neighbour ... is not a man; he is an environment'."

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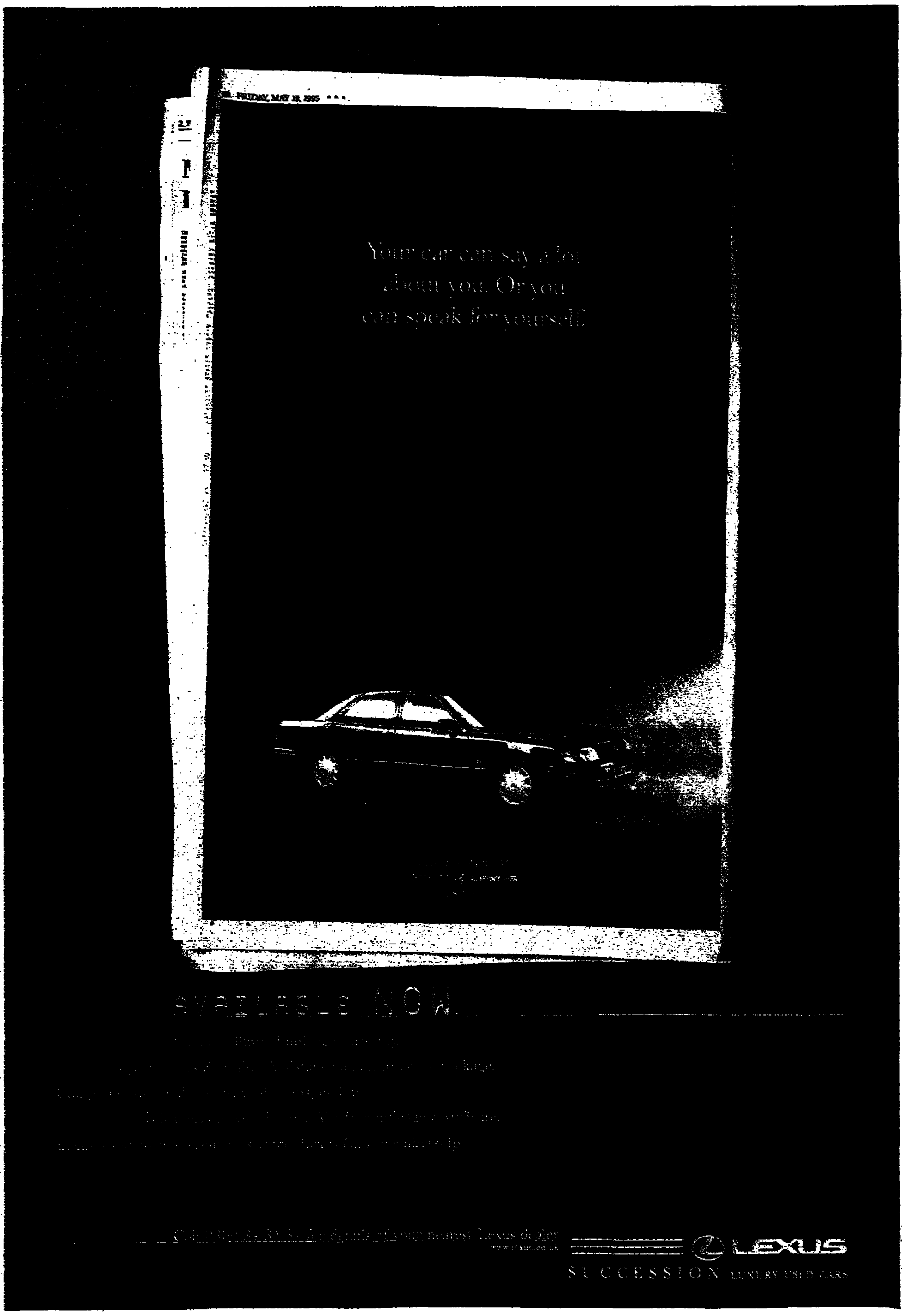
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Gift made Ecclestone a champion party backer

By Nicholas Wood

BERNIE ECCLESTONE'S admission yesterday that in January he gave Labour £1 million places him in pole *position among backers of the* people's party.

Only Matthew Harding, the *Chelsea Football Club* vice-chairman who died last year, matched the generosity of the Formula One king, who was paid £54 million last year and gave the Tories £8 million before his change of heart.

Mr Harding also gave £1 million to Labour coffers shortly before his death in a helicopter crash. Next in line is the *millionaire* publisher Paul Hamlyn, who has contributed £600,000 to the party.

But these kinds of gifts, unheard of back in the early 1980s when Labour was still at odds with the bosses, are no rich man's whim. They represent the fruits of a concerted attempt by Tony Blair and his lieutenants to widen his party's appeal and recruit support and cash from some of Britain's most dynamic *entrepreneurs.*

In Labour's annual accounts, they are coyly referred *to as "high value donors"*. The latest set of accounts highlight the way the boardroom bretheren are rapidly replacing the unions as the main source of Labour funds. Labour's total net income in 1996 was £17.1 million — 37 per cent up on the previous year. At £7.7 million the unions provided 45 per cent of the *total. But at £6.2 million* (37 per cent), fundraising was not far behind. Of this sum, £3.5 million came from the kind of people Labour once denounced as fat cats.

In 1986, the unions accounted for 76 per cent of Labour income, while activities such as tapping the pockets of rich businessmen, yielded a measly 6 per cent.

Unlike the Tories, for the past two years Labour has published the names of its wealthy backers, defined as those who give more than £5,000 a year. But it does not *specify* the amounts given. Observers are left to speculate, unless a donor goes public. *Had Labour not returned the money* to Mr Ecclestone, his name would have appeared among the *list for 1997*, to be published next September. But there would have been no mention of £1 million.

In 1995, Labour received one-off donations above £5,000 from 17 sources. They included Geoffrey Robinson, the millionaire Labour MP and Paymaster General, big unions such as the GMB and the sugar company Tate & Lyle. In addition, seven sponsors, including Kingfisher and *the Mirror Group, made regular* donations totalling more than £5,000

By 1996, the *list* of one-off donors had swelled to 55 names, with a further 11 organisations making regular donations. Mr Blair's backers include the actor Jeremy Irons, the supermarket boss David Sainsbury, Robin Ashby, a PR *consultant*, Richard Faulkener, joint managing director of Westminster *Communications, a lobbying* firm, Sir Sigmund Sternberg, a Lloyd's underwriter and chairman of Martin Stowe Estates, and Creation Records, Oasis's label.

No figures appear against their names, but some businessmen have chosen to go public. They include Leslie Silver, former chairman of *Leeds United Football Club*, who gave £25,000, and Robert Gavron, chairman of the Guardian Media Group, who gave £100,000.

Amid much controversy, some donors have been given peerages. They include Mr Sainsbury, Swraj Paul, the Indian-born chairman of the Caparo Group, a family-*owned steel business, the film* director Sir David Puttnam, Michael Montague, a wealthy businessman who used to run the English Tourist Board, and the writer Ruth Rendall.

JURGEN HASSENKOPF

Bernie Ecclestone and his Croatian wife Savica, a former model set to become Britain's wealthiest woman

£1m was small change to the tycoon called Bernie the Bolt

Dominic Kennedy on the life and style of the billionaire Labour supporter who got his money back

WHEN Tony Blair first shook hands with Bernie Ecclestone he was simply the latest in a long line to benefit from the Formula One supremo's Midas touch. For Labour it was a million-pound handshake. For Mr Ecclestone, soon to be *a billionaire from the flotation* of his racing empire, it was small change.

The 5ft 4in 67-year-old trawlerman's son lives and works from a nine storey £7 million Knightsbridge mansion. For tax reasons 80 per cent of his business is owned by his 6ft 2in Croatian wife Savica, who is more than *25 years his junior*.

He met the former Armani model, his second wife, at the Monza circuit in 1981 and married her in 1985. Slavica, the daugher of a fireman who left school at 16 is said to be the person he trusts most with his business affairs. She will become Britain's wealthiest woman when he floats the £1.5 *billion Formula One Holdings* on the stock market next year, netting the family between £750 million and £1 billion.

His office and home are decorated by Spanish paint*ings and a valuable collection* of netsukes, finely carved miniature Japanese sculptures. When in *London* he patronises ultra-fashionable restaurants, where he has been seen dining with leading politicians.

However, most of his year is *spent* working 16-hour days in a long, sleek, grey executive coach known as "Bernie's *Bus", a familiar sight at* Grand Prix circuits where a never-ending procession of owners, managers, agents and drivers conduct the succession of deals that keeps the Formula One juggernaut on the road.

The intense loyalty he commands from most people in the sport is based on the huge amount of money he has *brought into the game, trans*ferring obscure engineers into multimillionaire managing directors of race teams.

His trusted lieutenant is an Italian known as Pasquale, the *only person to call him* "Mr Ecclestone". To everyone else he is "Mr E", "Bernie", "The Little Man", or "Bernie The Bolt".

He is a sharp dresser wearing shirt, tie and slacks. With a cockney accent refined to fit the company he keeps, he is the master of the one-liner. When environmentalists *threatened to shoot him* because some trees had been chopped down to create the Melbourne racing circuit, he quipped: "They had better get me with the first shot."

Mr Ecclestone was born in Suffolk and later moved to Bexley in Kent. He studied chemical engineering at Woolwich *Polytechnic but had* bought and sold motorcycles from the age of 15 and made his fortune from car auctions, and a chain of motorcycle dealerships. Using the money to indulge his passion he raced motorcycles and 500cc single-seater Formula Three cars against Stirling Moss in the 1950s.

He bought the Connaught Formula One team in 1958 then sold his businesses, *which had expanded to in*clude property and finance, for a huge sum before purchasing the troubled Brabham team in 1970, winning two world titles with Nelson Piquet.

By the late 1980s he had grown out of running one team and saw an opportunity to extend his power, leading *an attempted* breakaway *of* racing teams to rival the sport's ruling body the FIA. He became the FIA's vice-president and formed the Formula One Constructors Association, the main base of his power.

He prides himself on his probity and reputation for doing a deal on a handshake, *and has always been able to* joke about malicious gossip surrounding the rapid rise of a former second-hand car salesman from southeast London.

How can Blair have missed danger signs?

TONY BLAIR and his advisers quickly need to learn the difference between Opposition and Government. They have behaved with astonishing *naivety* and foolishness over the Bernie Ecclestone donation. Mr Blair has a soft spot for *successful* entrepreneurs, but he has been gullible. Out of office, no one questions too closely discussions with businessmen, but, in office, there are rules and procedures to be followed.

How can Mr Blair or his inner circle not have realised the dangers of the appearance of a conflict of interest *when he overruled* the advice of the Health Department and granted a special exemption from *the ban* on tobacco sponsorship to a businessman who had given Labour £1 million only months before the election? After all, Mr Ecclestone was hardly a committed Labour supporter, having previously given even larger sums to the Tories.

As Professor Anthony King, a *member of the* Neill (formerly the Nolan) committee, has pointed out, such conflicts are covered in the *Ministerial Code* which Mr Blair issued in a revised form in July. It is odd that the Blair team has not learnt about the scandals that the Democrats have faced over fundraising from business. *Labour's total of £27 million* in the 18 months before the election has echoes of the Clinton White House money machine in 1995-96.

No wonder 10 Downing Street was in a tizzy yesterday — talking about very serious ramifications and saying everything was up for review — disclosure, limits *on contributions and spend*ing and state funding. The Blair camp is desperate to retake the political initiative and turn the tables on the Tories. But before everyone rushes to urge radical reforms, they should pause and reflect. What sort of party structure do we want? How much do we want to *encourage the participation* of individual members or to strengthen centralised control?

State funding can ossify a party system and discourage the recruitment of members. It is also no guarantee against corruption. Mr Blair rightly believes that taxpayers will be reluctant to subsidy the activities of political parties. There is already *state support* for the work of Opposition parties in Parliament and in kind with the provision of air time for television and radio broadcasts. There is a case for a limited expansion of resources for policy work, but none at all for unconditional state subsidies for campaigning and organisation.

An alternative approach is to impose national limits on expenditure, to match the *tight restrictions on constituency* spending. This might appeal to Labour, which is eager to reduce its dependence on the unions while also ensuring that the Tories do not have a funding advantage. However, the American experience shows that limits on contributions are easily evaded.

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The best answer is total disclosure administered by a new electoral commission which would supervise elections and parties generally. All *donations of above* £1,000 in any year to parties or any other bodies seeking to influence an election would have to be published within a month. Similarly, when anyone receives an honour or a public appointment, any political donation should be revealed.

Tighter disclosure require*ments, as well as the pro*posed ban on foreign donations, could be included in the promised *Home Office* Bill this session, while the longer-term issues should be considered by the Neill committee. However, the belated promises of tough action and a new broom should be treated sceptically. Funding *reforms tend to have unin*tended and perverse consequences.

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Eco-friendly label may help shoppers beat green cheats

By Nick Nuttall, Environment Correspondent

CONFUSION over goods that are claimed to be environmentally friendly may be ended by a government-approved "green" label. The proposal follows reports by consumer groups that many claims by manufacturers and stores claims are dishonest, misleading and bewildering.

Michael Meacher, the junior Environment Minister, said yesterday that people wanted guidance. A European Commission scheme, the EcoLabel, had been boycotted by some industries, and failed to win support among most national governments, who had set up their own domestic schemes.

"I see an imperative for Britain to have its own scheme," he told a conference in London on how Government and industry could promote sustainable development. "Consumers want reliable advice. Many of the green claims made by business are seen by the public as *just so much hot air.*"

The Government was also considering legal force for a proposed code of conduct covering environmental claims in advertising and packaging. Mr Meacher said that consumers could play a vital role in ensuring that demands for a higher standard of living were not at the expense of the environment. Energy consumption in homes produces about a quarter of Britain's carbon dioxide emissions, so significant savings could be made if people bought energy-saving products.

Ritt Bjerregaard, the EU Commissioner for the environment, told the meeting that the Commission planned to revamp the Euro labelling project. Mr Meacher said it was unlikely that Germany, Austria and Scandinavia would abandon their own schemes, but he hoped that retailers and industry would abandon inhouse symbols in favour of a national one.

Jayn Harding, deputy environmental manager for Sainsbury's, said that they would join if the Government and National Consumer Council could devise a scheme that was "unambiguous, clear, and not misleading". The company had already taken steps to scrap its own green logo of a hand cradling the world. Only logos such as those of the Soil Association and the Forest Stewardship Council are to be carried.

Last year a report by the National Consumer Council criticised claims on scores of products, including fridges and aerosols labelled as "CFC-free" (CFCs are banned) and washing powders labelled as "biodegradable" when all UK detergents already meet EU standards.

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Mazzard trees were cultivated commercially in Landkey for their fruit, above right, until the Second World War

Hungry for second bite of mazzard

By Simon de Bruxelles

THE Millennium Fund is being asked to help to save the mazzard, an obscure relative of the cherry that few people have heard of and even fewer have tasted. Until the Second World War, orchards known as mazzard greens were one of the glories of Devon.

Today there are only a few hundred of the trees left and just a handful of people who know how to cultivate them. One is Dick Joy, the 70-year-old chairman of the parish council at Landkey, near Barnstaple, who has applied for funds to create a "millennium green" in the village with mazzard trees.

Opponents of hunting start poster drive

By Michael Hornsby, Countryside Correspondent

OPPONENTS of field sports yesterday launched a nationwide advertising campaign in support of a Bill to outlaw hunting, which the Commons is to vote on later this month.

Posters showing hounds tearing a fox apart and pursuing a deer across a river are to be displayed on 1,200 billboards.

The aim of the campaign is to drum up support for a Private Member's Bill, sponsored by Michael Foster, Labour MP for Worcester, which would ban hunting with hounds. It is scheduled for a second reading in the Commons on November 28.

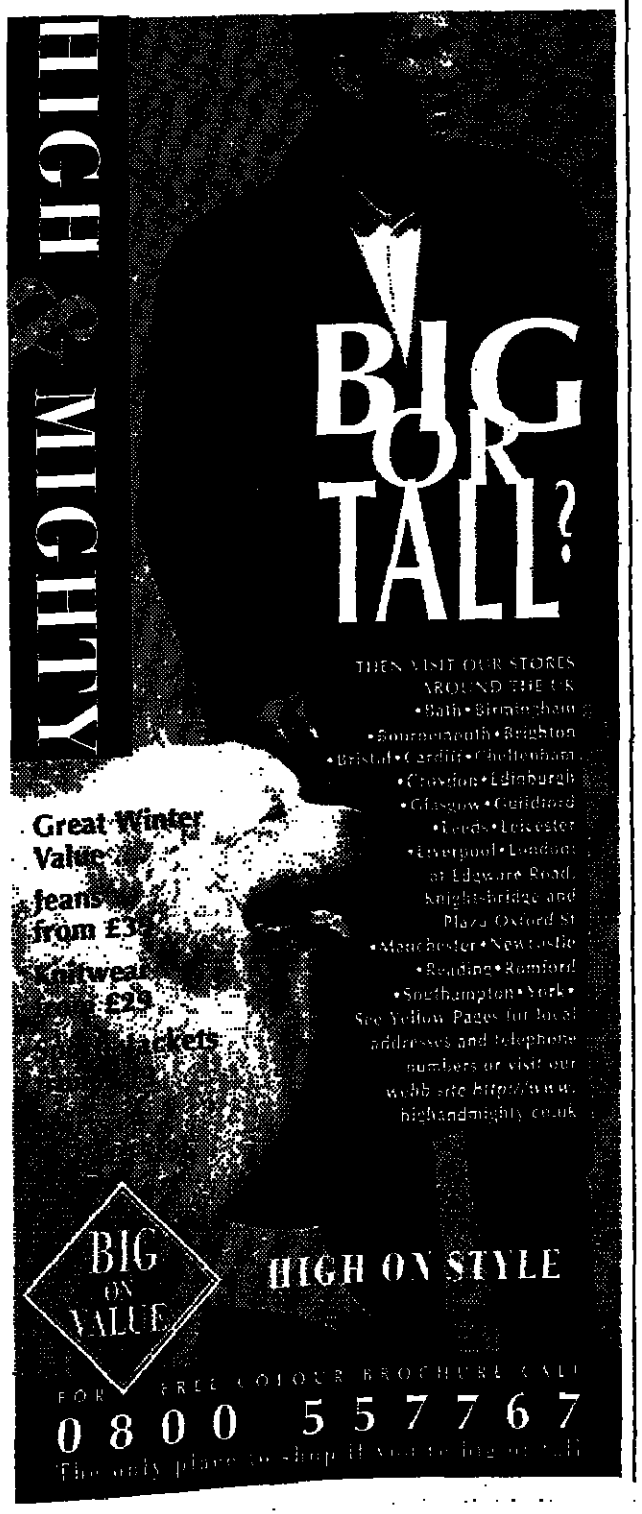
Although the Bill is expected to win the support of most MPs, the Government has refused to allocate it time to complete its Commons stages.

Mr Foster, who attended the unveiling of a poster in Central London yesterday, said: "It is time for the public and our public figures to speak out. I anticipate that my opponents will try every parliamentary tactic to try to delay this Bill, but if on November 28 it gets huge support from MPs of all parties, on a free vote, I believe that will create a moral mandate to carry the legislation forward."

The advertising campaign, which is estimated to be costing at least £1 million, is being organised by the Campaign for the Protection of Hunted Animals, an alliance of the RSPCA, the International Fund for Animal Welfare and the League Against Cruel Sports.

The launch was timed to coincide with the results of an opinion poll, commissioned from MORI, showing that 73 per cent of the population now believe hunting should be stopped, a rise of 8 per cent since July. Another MORI poll, published last week, indicated that even among rural dwellers there is a majority of nearly two to one in favour of banning hunting with dogs.

The Countryside Alliance, which represents country sports interests, said popular support for a hunting ban did not mean such a measure would be justified. "There is a duty in a democracy to respect the rights of a minority and people who take part in field sports are a substantial minority — the rural minority," a spokesman said.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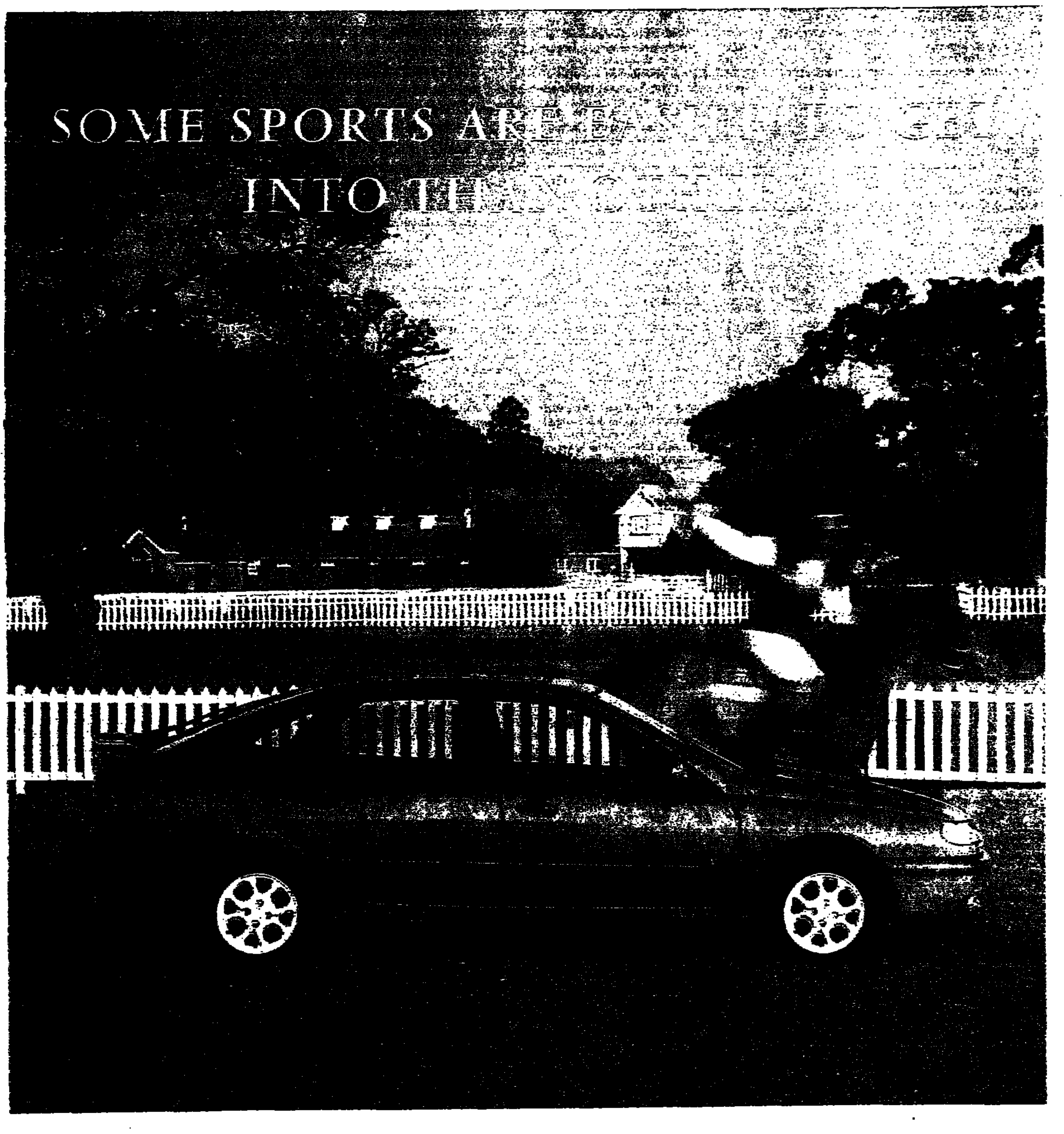

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Free museums 'are perk for middle classes'

The people running national collections are split on the merits of charging visitors, reports **Dalya Alberge**

MUSEUMS and galleries should charge for admission *because otherwise the poor are* subsidising middle-class visitors through taxes, the director of the Victoria and Albert Museum said yesterday.

Every survey, including one published yesterday, showed that most visitors were ABC1s. Alan Borg said. "To provide free entry for them out of the public purse amounts to providing subsidy to the middle classes."

Mr Borg, speaking in a debate, "Who pays for museums?", drew an impassioned response from the heads of other leading institutions. Earlier they had heard the Arts Minister, Mark Fisher, liken running a museum to a department store. He asked the directors of the generally cash-strapped institutions whether they "measured up well to the best practice in the retail sector, for example, Marks & Spencer and Harvey Nichols".

Julian Spalding, Director of the Glasgow Museums, said that he grew up on a council estate in South London and that museums, entered for free, were the "wider horizons" that had inspired him. "Do we just want to be left with shopping centres?" he asked. The Government should maintain them not as a privilege but as a vision.

Tim Clifford, Director of the National Galleries of Scotland, lamented how the public was to be charged by the National Museum of Scotland to see great Celtic crosses which they could once see for nothing in the countryside.

The debate at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Westminster, was timed to coincide with a report on admission charges by Glasgow Caledonian University and the Central Office of Information, which found that among people who did not visit museums, only 4 per cent cited admission charges as a disincentive. The report found lack of time was the main reason for not going. More *than half the adults surveyed* expressed interest in visiting, and 71 per cent supported voluntary donations.

Although Mr Fisher yesterday reiterated his support for the principle of free entry, David Barrie, Director of the National Art Collections Fund, was among many who sensed that the Government had performed a U-turn on earlier promises. Mr Barrie said: "Mark Fisher's speech strongly suggests that they have no intention of discouraging the introduction of admission charges; nor are they going to provide the additional money that alone would enable our major non-charging national museums to avoid introducing them."

Jennifer Edwards, of the National Campaign for the Arts, said that polls of political voting intentions showed that respondents did not always say what they meant. She cited Ipswich whose museum *had introduced a £2 charge* and saw visitors drop by 61 per cent.

Some suggested free days at institutions that normally charged and others spoke of charging only for temporary shows in the debate organised by the Museums and Galleries Commission. But most speakers said that fees only created barriers, deterring repeat visits.

The V&A introduced compulsory charges in October 1996, allowing free entrance for children, students and everyone after 4.30pm. Dr Borg said that as between 40 and 45 per cent of visitors entered free, he felt sure that no one was deterred from coming. Before turnstiles V&A attendance figures were not counted.

Dr Borg said that those who held to the principle of free entry must find a solution: "No one likes charging *per se*. If you believe in principle that charging is wrong, then you have a problem in a world in which the financial resources available to museums are shrinking. If you do not believe it is wrong in principle, then charging becomes part of the solution to making museums as good and thereby as accessible as possible."

Sir Terence Conran, attending as chairman of the Design Museum, said: "We get no grant from Government. We have to charge to keep the museum alive. Our life is made more difficult by the number of national museums who don't charge. 'Why should you have to charge if they don't?' is a question often asked by the public."

Lord Puttnam, attending as chairman of the National Museum of Photography, Film and Television in Bradford, pointed to the way cinema had tripled its figures in the last few years, having looked beyond seat prices to improving the quality of the experience.

However, Neil McGregor, Director of the National Gallery, said that institutions had a duty to remain free. Money could be raised through shops and restaurants. If people could enter freely, they approached the experience in a "different spirit, more relaxed and more confident". He noted that 45 per cent of their visitors were from overseas.

Sir Denis Mahon, the collector who has threatened to rethink his bequest to the nation if charges are introduced, said that tourists boosted the economy, spending in hotels, restaurants and transport. Charges were a short-sighted means that would bring an unhappy end.

Karen Hull, Director of Reading Museum Service, said that museum collections were the property of the people: "Museum charges would mean they pay twice."

Lord Strabolgi drew support from many when he called for changes to VAT and tax relief for donors of works of art towards the American system. It had helped to build fine collections there.

On VAT, Timothy Wilson, Director of the Ashmolean Museum, said that the "regime is an ass". In buying a Canova bust, matching the price paid by the Getty Museum in California, the museum had to pay £54,000 in VAT. "That was not only extra money that had to be found, but one interested benefactor was so incensed that he withdrew his contribution."

Borg: charges needed as resources shrink

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SIMON TOWNSLEY

The British Museum, where a £5 admission charge was proposed last year as one solution to an impending budget crisis, but so far payment remains voluntary

Painted Marines battled carry-on soldiers

By Simon de Bruxelles

IT was like a scene from a *Carry on* remake of *Braveheart*. Royal Marines dressed as Highland warriors and with faces painted in *Braveheart* style fought with soldiers in women's clothes after the two groups chose the same bar for their pre-Christmas party, a court was told yesterday.

A police officer said his van was surrounded by Marines brandishing imitation broadswords after one of their colleagues had been arrested for fighting.

Judge Ian McKintosh told PC Andrew White at Barnstaple Crown Court: "I don't think that scene appears in the film."

Marine Nicol Hemmings, 26, from Chivenor, and Royal Engineer Darren Fairhurst, 28, from Fremington, Devon, both deny causing an affray on December 13 last year. They were among a group of 30 to 40 servicemen in fancy dress brawling in the street outside the pub, according to police.

Alan Large, for the prosecution, said: "Marine Hemmings was wearing a kilt and had his face painted blue in the style of the film *Braveheart*, and several of those from the Army were wearing ladies' clothing."

Trouble began when the Marines ran into members of the Army's Independent Commando Group at a bar called Mr Berties in Barnstaple. After leaving the pub, the jury was told, fighting broke out as a Marine in a kilt and with a St Andrew's cross on his face attacked a rival.

Police Sergeant Michelle Slevin said she saw Engineer Fairhurst lunge at the rival group and as she restrained him, Marine Hemmings started throwing punches over her shoulder. As other police came to her aid and the two were arrested. Engineer Fairhurst allegedly headbutted the Marine.

The case continues.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Summerhayes: fall

Parents call for answers over death of sailor

The parents of Keith Summerhayes, 27, Chief Petty Officer on the frigate *HMS London*, were last night demanding an explanation after his body was found in the doorway of a block of flats in El Ferrol, northwest Spain, where the frigate was on a routine visit. His mother Carol, of Birmingham, said: "We have been told he fell down some stairs." Her son had become engaged last week.

Patients suffer

Cancer patients are suffering because of a critical shortage of skilled nurses, doctors and therapists, the King's Fund, the Cancer Research Campaign and Macmillan Cancer Relief say in a report. Urgent action is needed to recruit and train more specialists.

Knife trial halted

The trial of a teenager accused of knifing a woman graduate in the head on a train was halted after his barrister fell ill, and the Old Bailey jury was discharged. Robert Buckland, 17, of no fixed address, denies attempting to murder Alison Kennedy, 28.

Bus queue crash

A woman suffered head injuries and broken legs when a car driven by an elderly woman ploughed through a *bus queue and crashed into a* house at Frinton-on-Sea, Essex. Five others in the queue were treated for cuts. The driver suffered minor injuries.

Help for addicts

All prisoners wanting to conquer addictions to hard drugs should have a place in a special testing unit over the next few years, the Government said. A rolling programme will gradually increase the 4,000 existing places until demand is met.

CJD appeal

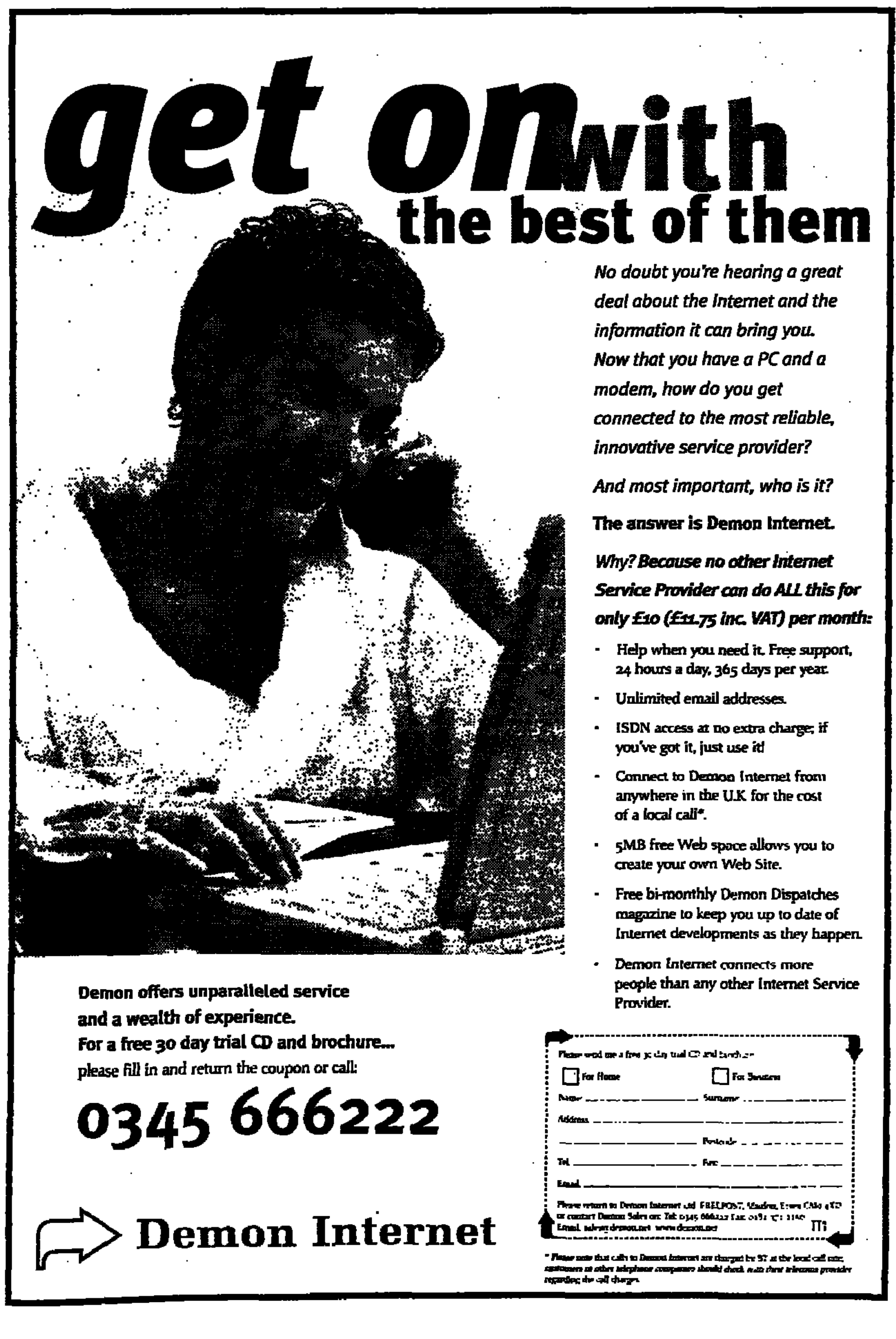
The Court of Appeal has reserved judgment in the case of the parents of a group of children who developed the human form of "mad cow" disease, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. They are challenging their exclusion from government compensation.

Reels net £26,000

A collection of fishing reels made by Hardy Brothers of Alnwick, Northumberland, sold for £26,000 at Sotheby's in Billingshurst, West Sussex, yesterday. They included a 1930s *tournament reel which* fetched £8,625, four times its estimated price.

Producer banned

Richard Pearson, 35, producer of BBC2's *Top Gear* motoring programme, has been banned from driving for three weeks *and fined £600 with £30 costs* by magistrates at King's Lynn, Norfolk, after admitting driving at 107mph in a 70mph limit on the A47.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NHS calls for study of alternative therapies

By Mark Henderson

COMPLEMENTARY medicine needs to be more tightly regulated and to introduce recognised qualifications if it is to become an integrated part of healthcare, the NHS Confederation said yesterday.

A report for the confederation, which represents health authorities and NHS trusts, found that the bewildering range of professional organisations and training courses was making it difficult for GPs and trusts to make informed choices about complementary medicine.

Under current rules, a nurse who has taken a weekend course in acupuncture can work on the same basis as a practitioner with years of experience, often without adequate insurance cover. Only osteopathy and chiropractic are regulated by a single protected body.

The report follows the Prince of Wales's call last month for alternative therapies to become more widely available on the NHS. The confederation wants a government review of complementary medicine's effectiveness, and training and regulation procedures. "We need a national initiative, funded by the Government, to discover how complementary treatments can best be used by the NHS," Yvonne Mouncer, project officer for the NHS Confederation, said.

GPs and trusts who used alternative medicine had no way of knowing what they were getting for their money, she said. "There is little evidence as to medical effectiveness." There are 143 professional organisations for complementary medicines, representing 14 disciplines.

The report, which surveyed 651 health professionals and alternative practitioners in Leicestershire, found that complementary medicine was used at a low but significant level within the NHS.

More than a third of midwives said they used complementary techniques, mostly aromatherapy, and 28 per cent of GPs referred patients to alternative practitioners. The lowest use was among dentists, just 6 per cent of whom had used complementary medicine. Aromatherapy, acupuncture and massage were the most commonly used techniques.

The NHS spends less than £1 million a year on alternative therapies, whereas the market is worth more than £100 million a year. The report found only 15 per cent of complementary practitioners work within the NHS.

David Tredinnick, MP, chairman of the Parliamentary Group for Complementary Medicine, said that such government action was essential to improve public access to alternative therapy. "We need to establish which treatments and practitioners we can have faith in," he said. "They can save the NHS a lot of money."

The Department of Health *said it had started to explore* the recommendations of the *Integrated Healthcare* report, and would consider the NHS Confederation's findings.

Adverts are bare cheek to men

Carol Midgley on a watchdog's fears about 'demeaning' images urging women to put the boot in

MEN have become the new victims of sexism in advertising. Watchdogs called for caution yesterday after receiving a series of complaints about images of males being humiliated and degraded by women.

The Advertising Standards Authority said that a large section of the public regarded the trend as tasteless and objectionable. It identified a poster by Lee, the jeans manufacturer, which shows a woman in denims and stiletto heels, *with her foot resting on the* buttocks of a prostrate, naked man. The headline reads: "Put the boot in".

Seventy-seven people had written to complain, saying the advert was offensive and condoned violence. In its defence, Lee said the posters showed a woman in control and "reflecting the prevailing Girl Power mood".

There were also complaints about a Nissan car advert which portrays a man holding his crotch in pain, with the headline: "The Micra. Ask before you borrow it." Nissan said that *the advert was humorous*, and portrayed the anger felt by women when their cars were borrowed without permission.

Another campaign which attracted criticism was for Wallis clothing stores. Under the slogan "Dressed to Kill", it shows women wearing clothes which distract male motorists, causing them to have fatal accidents.

The ASA's monthly bulletin said the complaints had not been upheld, but urged advertisers to use caution. Taking up the Spice Girls' slogan of Girl Power, it pointed out: "For the moment at least, Girl Power is alive and well. Inevitably, some advertisers seem to have tried to capture the essence of this phenomenon by either portraying men being demeaned by women, or portraying women playing on their desirability to, and power over, men.

"Although undoubtedly complainants felt these campaigns were tasteless and objectionable, the authority did not feel that the advertisements were likely to cause serious or widespread offence. However, the objections serve as a reminder that suggestions of violence in advertisements tend not to find favour with the public, whatever the 'victim's' gender and however humorous the intention."

☐ The ASA ordered cosmetic-surgery clinics not to play down the risks of operations in their adverts, and said that they should not make a claim of being a "leading" establishment without being able to support it.

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Five vie to be Preacher of Year

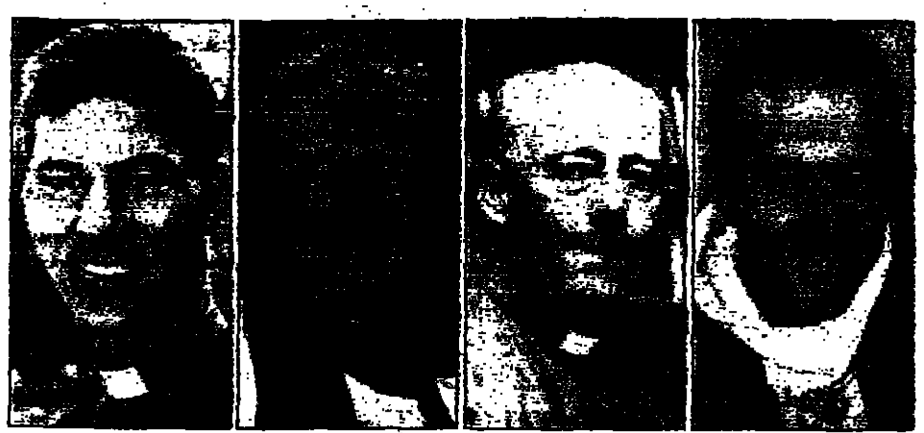
Finalists will celebrate the art of the sermon today, reports **Ruth Gledhill**

FIVE preachers will today deliver sermons *on holiness* in the final of the *Times*/College of Preachers award at Durham Cathedral.

More than 1,000 people have entered the award in the past three years and next year preachers from the Jewish community as well as the Christian community will be welcome. *The Times* announced yesterday.

The sermons will be given during a service at Durham, the first time the preacher of the year final has taken place outside London.

Also for the first time, the finalists, two women and three men, are all Anglicans. They were among the 30 shortlisted preachers whose original entries are published today in *The Times Best Sermons for 1998* (Cassell £9.99).


The Rev Michael Parker, Gill Green, the Rev Neville Manning, the Rev Paul Walker

The finalists are the Rev Sally Chapman, team vicar of Short Heath *in the* West Midlands and one of the first women to be ordained priest in 1994; the Rev Neville Manning, rector of Denton in Sussex; Gill Green, a Church of England reader of Ousden, Suffolk; the Rev Michael Parker, rector of St John and St Leonard's in Bedford and the Rev Paul Walker, a curate in Moorside, Sunderland.

The panel of judges will be chaired by the broadcaster and writer Joan Bakewell and includes Ernest Rea, *head of religious broadcasting* at the BBC. Other judges include the 1995 winner, the Rev Barry Overend of Leeds, the 1996 winner, Father Bill Anderson of Aberdeen, and last year's other finalists, Arnold Kellet, Anne Peat, the Rev Christopher Burkett and the Rev Bernard Thomas.

Opening next year's award to the Jewish community will be subject to approval from the council of the College of *Preachers, which meets later* this month. Prize money, offered only in the first year, will be restored, with £1,000 for the winner, and £250 to each runner-up. *The Times* gives £12,000 sponsorship to the award each year.

It is hoped that opening up the award to the Jewish community will reflect the increasing importance of the sermon in synagogues, and the Judaeo-Christian nature *of British society.*

Rabbi Jonathan Romain, of the Maidenhead Reform synagogue, said: "This is very important. The role of the sermon in the Jewish service has changed radically over this century. It used to be only twice a year, and in some Orthodox synagogues still is, but in most synagogues it is now a traditional part of the weekly service.

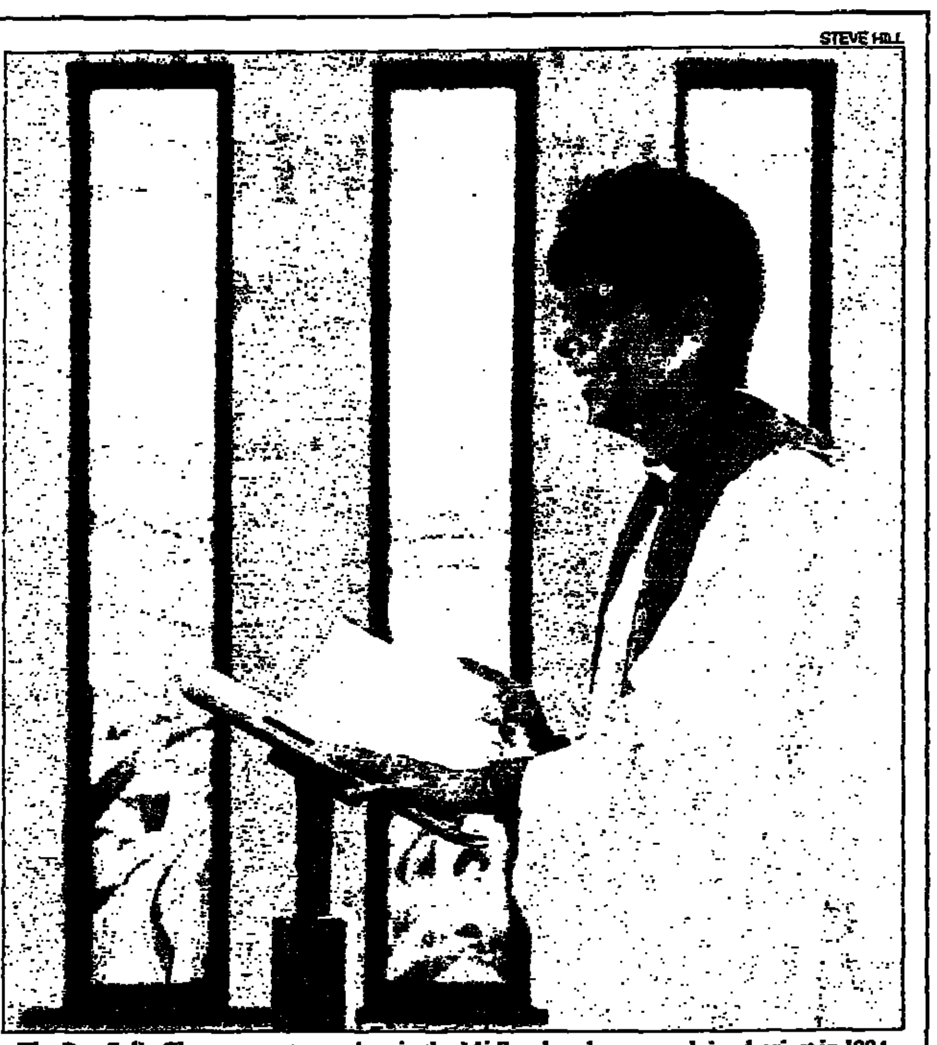
"It is a vehicle for educating people in the biblical text or tradition, but also the sermon should inspire. A good sermon is one that is capable of changing people's lives," he said.

"The sermon should also challenge. There is a saying that a rabbi is no rabbi if his congregation does not want to run him out of town, and he is no man if he lets them."

Entry to today's final is open to all and free.

☐ The Times Book of Prayers *is also on sale now, price £9.99. A £2 discount is available on this book and* The Times Best Sermons for 1998 *on the 24-hour telephone hotline 0990 134459.*

STEVE HILL


The Rev Sally Chapman, a team vicar in the Midlands, who was ordained priest in 1994

Church fund treasurer is jailed for theft

By Joanna Bale

A STOCKBROKER'S clerk who stole more than £9,500 from a church restoration fund to spend on his mistress was jailed for 15 months yesterday.

Residents of Cornish Hall End in Essex had appointed Steven Feakes, 41, as treasurer of the fundraising committee to restore their Victorian church because they knew he had a head for figures.

After years of holding jumble sales, tombolas and fêtes, the 200 residents managed to raise more than £40,000 to repair St John the Evangelist church.

Unknown to the rest of the committee, Feakes was soon living above his means after becoming involved with a local woman. He began stealing money from the fund to pay debts, Chelmsford Crown Court was told.

Martyn Levett, for the prosecution, said that Feakes, who pleaded guilty to five charges of theft and asked for 19 similar offences to be taken into consideration, had been treasurer of the restoration fund for almost five years. Earlier this year discrepancies were uncovered because the bank account showed an overdraft of £1,300, whereas the chairman had been given figures by Feakes showing that it was £6,400 in credit. The chairman also discovered that his signature had been forged on eight cheques. Feakes immediately confessed and has since repaid £3,000 of the £5,595 he stole.

Jailing him, Judge Peter Greenwood described the thefts as "mean offences". He added: "You found yourself in financial difficulties because of a lady you took up with and the more expensive life you had to lead."

Natasha Wong, in mitigation, said that Feakes had genuinely wanted to help the restoration committee when he took up the position of treasurer. It was two years before he began to dig into its funds.

The Rev John Sheads said: "It was a terrible betrayal of trust. People in the village worked incredibly hard to raise money for the work that needed to be done on the church. They were magnificent but have now found themselves thousands of pounds short because of the *activities of this man who they* trusted.

"It came as a shock and a severe blow to discover what had been going on. But the committee has stuck to its task and the fundraising continues."

Bishop to expel sex pest rector

By Russell Jenkins

THE Bishop of Bangor started proceedings yesterday to unfrock the Rector of Benllech, who was found guilty by an ecclesiastical court of adultery with a married parishioner.

The Right Rev Dr Barry Morgan has written to the Rev Clifford Williams, 49, to tell him that he will be stripped of his Holy Orders and expelled as a clergyman in the Church in Wales.

The bishop said that he accepted the recommendations of the Provincial Court with "great regret" but he believed that, if Mr Williams were to remain a minister, he would be a "danger to those entrusted to his care".

The court, which sat in Caernarfon, North Wales, last month, found that Mr Williams *had given just cause for* scandal and offence by conducting an adulterous affair. It also found that he had lied to the bishop and that he had disobeyed the bishop's order to stop taking services at St Andrew's Church, Benllech, Anglesey. During the five-day hearing Iris Green, 56, accused Mr Williams of seducing her at her home near Benllech and then pursuing her for sex for six years.

Mr Williams told friends he was not surprised by the decision. He is consulting lawyers about an appeal to the Provincial Synod of the Church in Wales, and he also has the right to appeal against the sentence of the Provincial Court to the Church in Wales' Supreme Court.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY

Bevin boys get call-up papers after 50 years

By Alan Hamilton and Kathryn Knight

Bevin: sent conscripts into undermanned pits

BELATED recognition may soon be granted to a forgotten but vital wartime army that kept Britain supplied with fuel in the darkest days of the 1940s.

When the country was blockaded by U-boats and a huge proportion of the coal industry's manpower had been called up for active service, Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour and National Service, decreed in 1940 that one in ten conscripts between the ages of 18 and 25 should go down the mines.

In the half century since the end of the war, the "Bevin boys" have felt neglected. Their principal complaint is that they have never been allowed to join their ex-Service comrades in the annual veterans' parade at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday.

But in a letter this week to the Bevin Boys' Association, Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, has indicated that they may be able to take their place in future parades alongside comrades who saw active service. Mr Straw said that although it was too late for them to be included in last Sunday's ceremony, "I very much hope we will be able to sort things out to everyone's satisfaction in time for next year's ceremony."

Phil Wood, chairman of the association, said at a reunion at the Imperial War Museum yesterday: "This is great news, and the end of a long campaign to achieve recognition more than half a century after the end of the war. In the past the Royal British Legion has steadfastly refused to acknowledge our existence."

The Bevin boys were created under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act of 1940, when the mining industry began to face a critical shortage of labour. In 1943 there were 48,000 conscripts in the pits. Today their association has some 1,250 members.

Mr Wood, 70, a retired sales manager from Dunston, Staffordshire, spent four years in Brierley pit, south Yorkshire, and Littleton pit at Cannock. "Most of us wanted to join the forces, but we had no option. In retrospect, however, it was a great experience," he said.

Among famous old Bevin boys are Sir Jimmy Savile and the playwright Peter Shaffer. Sir Jimmy, who spent seven years down three pits, said he would welcome any recognition on behalf of colleagues who felt their contribution had not been recognised.

"While we were not a complaining lot, we did have very different experiences to others who were conscripted, and many feel they have been ignored," he said. "I actually enjoyed it a great deal and met some marvellous people. But I am glad that finally we may have our moment."

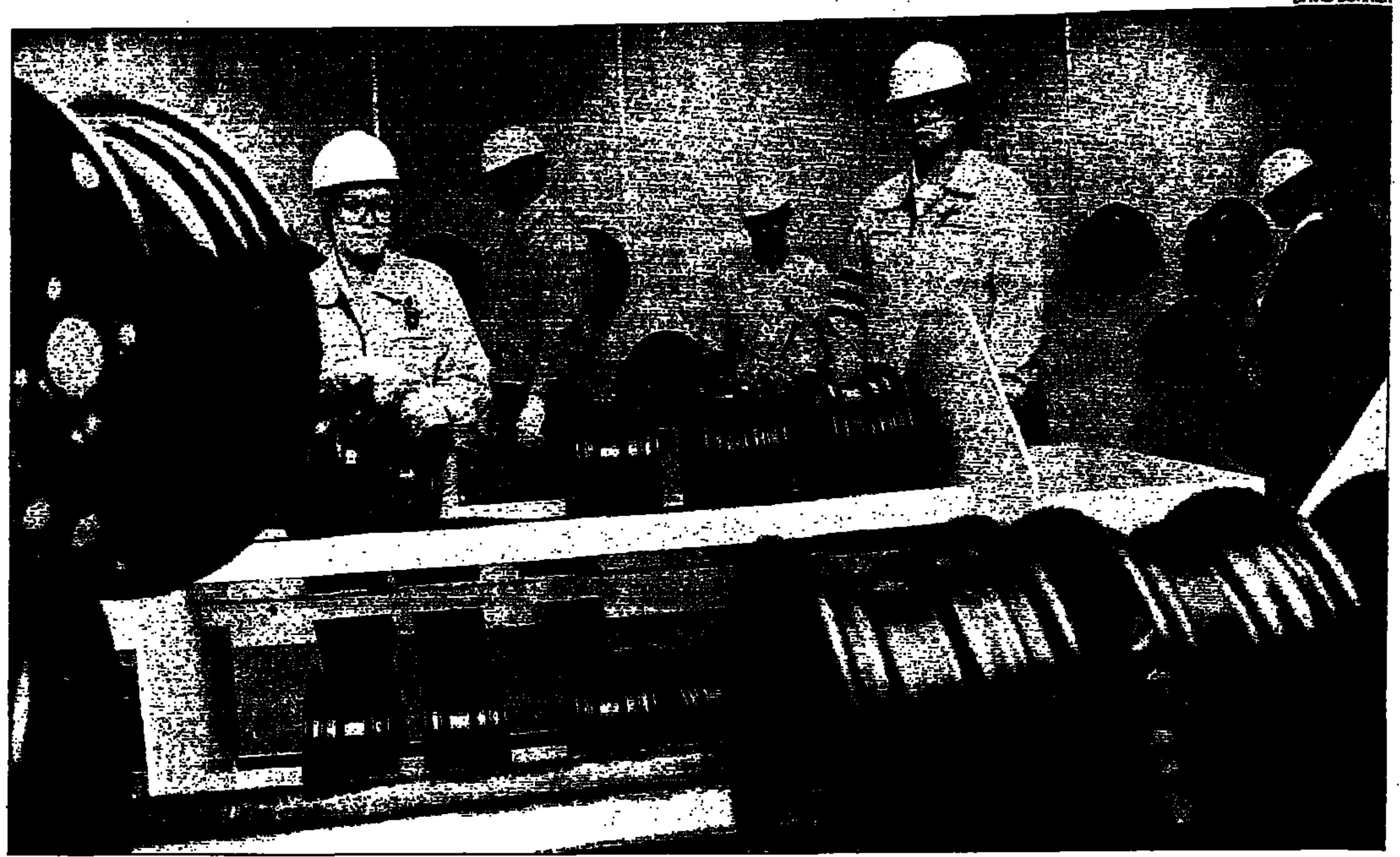
Other Bevin boys include Paul Hamlyn, the multimillionaire publisher and Labour Party benefactor, and Sidney Parkinson, father of the Conservative Party chairman, Lord Parkinson.

For the conscripts sent down the mines instead of into active service, there was often a feeling of shame. Warwick Taylor, 71, of Cerne Abbas, Dorset, vice-chairman of the association, said: "I was set on joining the RAF. It came as a dreadful shock when I was told I had to go down the mines. I went to Oakdale pit in South Wales with a sinking heart and great trepidation. My mother was horrified."

One of the oldest Bevin boys is John Platts-Mills, QC, a Labour MP in the 1940s and still a barrister at the age of 91. He was rare in that, having worked on Winston Churchill's personal staff, he volunteered to work in the mines. "It was a tiring experience, hewing ten tons of coal a day for 18 months," he recalled.

Ten thousand ex-servicemen marched down Whitehall on Sunday to lay their wreaths. Since 1990 the Royal British Legion has included a contingent of war widows. The legion admits that as more veterans die, the ranks may have to be widened to include, for example, the sons and daughters of ex-servicemen.

DAVID BURNER



Employees at the Toyota plant in Derbyshire observing the silence. Theirs was the first Japanese factory in the UK to halt its production line

Millions observe respectful silence

By Tim Jones and Kevin Eason

MILLIONS of people observed the two minutes silence yesterday at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

Even the skies were quiet: the departure of Concorde from Heathrow to New York was delayed by 45 minutes to ensure the roar of its engines would not mar the moment. At airports all activity stopped, and at train stations Railtrack made announcements inviting passengers to remember the war dead. Many buses pulled over and cut their engines for two minutes.

For the first time, all major stores joined more than 200 companies and organisations in backing the campaign for Armistice Day to be honoured throughout the land.

In Edinburgh the One O'Clock Gun was fired at 11am. In London the neon lights in Piccadilly Circus were switched off. At the Stock Exchange the trading floor was hushed.

As the nation's political leaders, led by Tony Blair, observed the moment, sentries at Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle and St James's Palace stood to attention and sloped arms. At Horse Guards Parade, Life Guards "carried swords".

While official pomp and ceremony were routinely observed, with the Duke of York joining submarine veterans in Blyth, Northumberland, it was ordinary people who claimed the day. Shoppers, sales assistants, office workers and unemployed people stood still to record their gratitude to the war dead.

BBC television and radio programmes and ITN observed the silence and BBC1 superimposed pictures of falling poppy petals over scenes of headstones, trenches and war memorials.

In France, a tribute carved in Welsh slate was unveiled in memory of 97 soldiers of the Royal Welch Fusiliers who were killed near Dunkirk. At Alrewas, Staffordshire, members of the Burma Star Association planted trees dedicated to those involved in the Far East campaigns.

Toyota became the first Japanese factory to honour the remembrance tribute, allowing its assembly lines at Burnaston, Derbyshire, to be stopped. More than 50 Japanese workers joined the act of remembrance. Staff at Honda also stopped work at 11am.

More than 100 local authorities fired maroons to mark the start and end of the silence. A defective maroon launched from Ealing town hall, West London, exploded on impact, setting fire to five parked cars and damaging four others.

MEDALS GIVEN TO MUSEUM

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

Two of the most famous Victoria Crosses in private ownership were handed over to The Green Howards regiment last night at an Armistice Day ceremony at the Tower of London.

The VCs awarded to Private Henry Tandey, the most decorated private soldier of the First World War, and Company Sergeant Major Stanley Hollis, the only serviceman to win the medal on D-Day, will now reside in The Green Howards museum in Richmond, North Yorkshire. Both soldiers served with the regiment. The two medal sets were bought at auction by Sir Ernest Harrison, the chairman of Racal Electronics and a trustee of The Green Howards Normandy Memorial Trust. The Tandey VC sold for £27,000 in 1980 and the Hollis VC for £32,000 in 1982.

Sir Ernest had intended to bequeath the VCs to The Green Howards in his will. However, after a visit to the regimental museum, he decided they should be displayed alongside the 13 other Victoria Crosses exhibited there.

The Great Britain rugby league squad standing in tribute to the war dead in Leeds

Woman in coma allowed to die

By Frances Gibb

A WOMAN who lost consciousness more than three and a half years ago, after a "final" drink and drugs party left her into a persistent vegetative state, is to be allowed to die.

The High Court yesterday gave doctors permission to withdraw life-sustaining treatment and medical support from the 43-year-old woman, referred to as Miss L.

"This unfortunate lady left the living world in its true sense on March 4, 1994," Sir Stephen Brown, President of the Family Division, said. "She has never since been aware of anything which has gone on about her."

The judge had heard from Claire Johnston, for the Official Solicitor, that Miss L, a drug addict, was "an unusual, wild lady, but not a lost cause". "She had almost saved herself from the ruin that her family and friends had thought would be her end," Miss Johnston said. But at one final party her intake of heroin and alcohol caused a heart attack leading to brain damage.

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Lawnmower firm finds American grass is greener

The maker of the world's first mower and supplier to Buckingham Palace is recommending a £137m takeover. **Nigel Hawkes** reports

A NAME as redolent of the English summer as newly cut grass has fallen prey to an American takeover.

Ransomes of Ipswich, which manufactured the first lawnmower in 1832, has recommended shareholders to accept a bid worth £137 million from Textron, an American industrial group behind a range of products from Bell helicopters to golf carts.

Often described as the Rolls-Royce of lawnmowers, the dark green Ransome with its gently puttering engine and exposed flywheel can be seen at work in the better-heeled shires at weekends. Machines have been known to survive for decades, easily outlasting their owners. Ransome machines also tend the lawns of Buckingham Palace, the courts at Wimbledon, Twickenham rugby ground and the Old Course at St Andrews.

In recent years the company has seen turbulent times, an ill-judged dash for growth in the late 1980s leaving it vulnerable. A recovery package seemed to have restored its fortunes but a dip in profits set the scene for a takeover which has been welcomed by the board.

Brian Radam, Curator of the British Lawnmower Museum in Southport, was less pleased. "We've got the best grass, and the best lawnmowers, but not a single British company left making them," he says. "Atco went to the Germans, Ransomes to the Americans. It's a total shame." In fact, Hayters, based in Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, and Allens of Didcot are still British-owned. But with the sale of Ransomes, its Mountfield subsidiary will also become American. Ransomes has its roots in the Industrial Revolution. Its founder, Robert Ransome, a Norwich iron-founder, designed an iron plough in 1783 and a self-sharpening plough in 1803. In 1832 the company made its first lawnmower, to a design by Edwin Budding. So fearful was Budding of being considered a madman that he tested his machine at night. In his patent, he stated: "Country gentlemen may find in using my machine an amusing, useful and healthy exercise."

Ransomes, fêted as the Rolls-Royce of mowers, date from 1832. The marque is still used at Wimbledon

The lawnmower business made a sluggish start, with Ransomes selling only between 70 and 80 machines a year for the next 20 years. At the time they were selling 86 different ploughs, including one designed to be pulled by an elephant. The turning point came in 1867 with the introduction of the Automaton lawnmower, which sold well.

In 1902 the company was the first to sell a petrol-driven mower, a 42-inch cylinder machine with a seat over the heavy roller at the rear. After a famous "mow-off" at Eaton Hall, Cheshire, the seat of the Duke of Westminster, at which the Ransome machine bettered a steam-powered mower made by Leyland, Edward VII ordered a demonstration at Buckingham Palace.

The classic British mower had its heyday in the 1920s. Some were almost ludicrously well-built. The true Rolls-Royce of mowers, says Mr Radam, was a machine built by Jerome and Pearson of Leicester. If you bought one of those you would never need another, he said. The only drawback was that it cost £200, then the price of a semi-detached house. But Ransomes, he conceded, "still produce one of the best lawnmowers you can get".

A spokesman for the company said: "We often get people ringing and saying 'my uncle's just died and I've found an old mower of yours in his shed'. They think it's going to be worth a fortune, but so many have survived that that simply isn't true."

Peter Wilson, Ransomes' chief executive, said: "We need to expand and it would be difficult for us to do it on our own. We think this offer gives good value to our shareholders and is encouraging for the future growth of the company."

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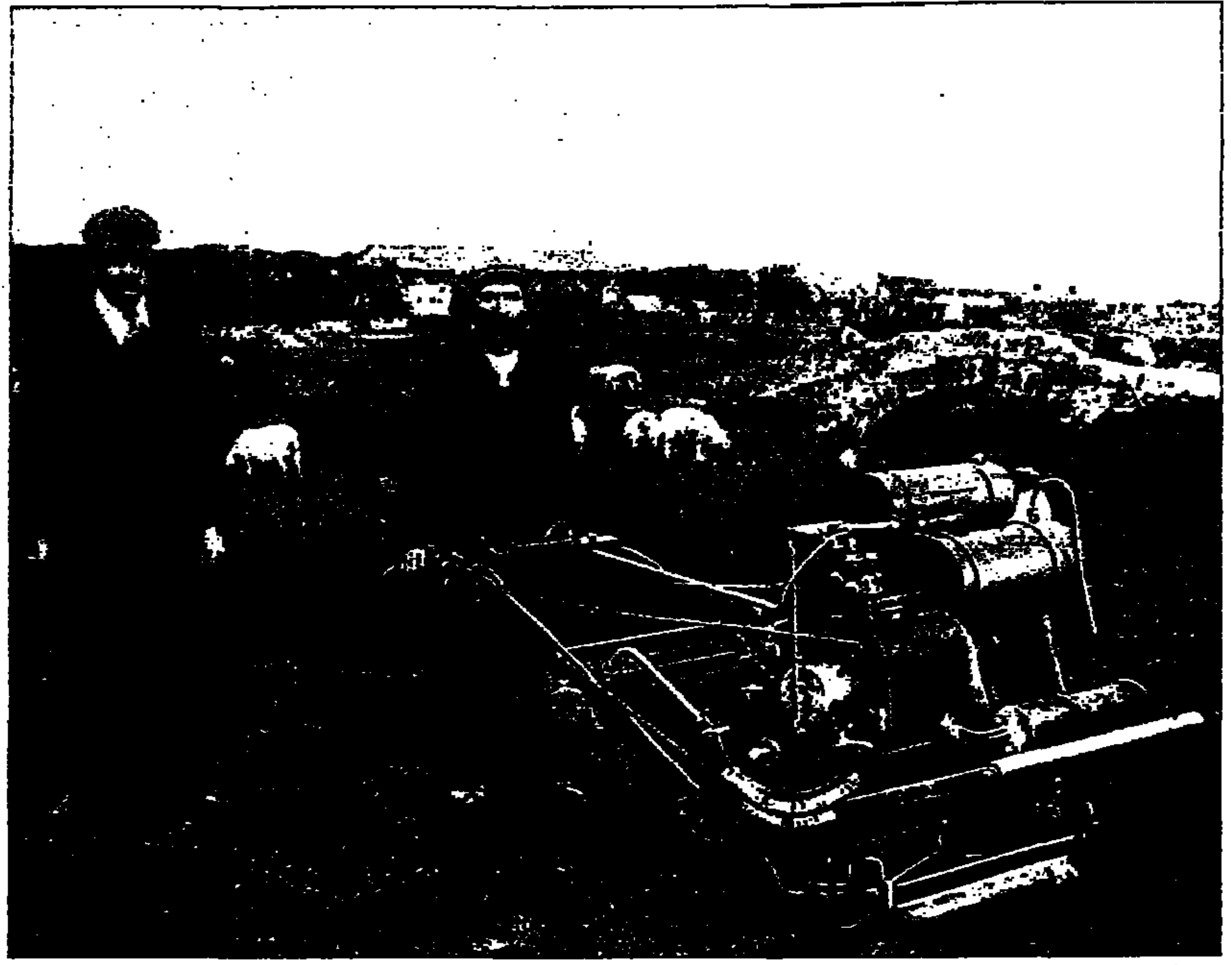


A Ransomes motor-mower at St Andrews in 1911. The company is supporting Textron's £137 million bid

Historic boat that gave pilots a sinking feeling

By Simon de Bruxelles

THERE were no happy landings for pilots on a prototype First World War aircraft carrier. They could take off, but there was no room to come down except by ditching at sea and awaiting rescue.

Now the only surviving example of the carriers has itself been rescued from obscurity in a Thames boatyard, and will be restored at the Fleet Air Arm Museum at Yeovilton, Somerset.

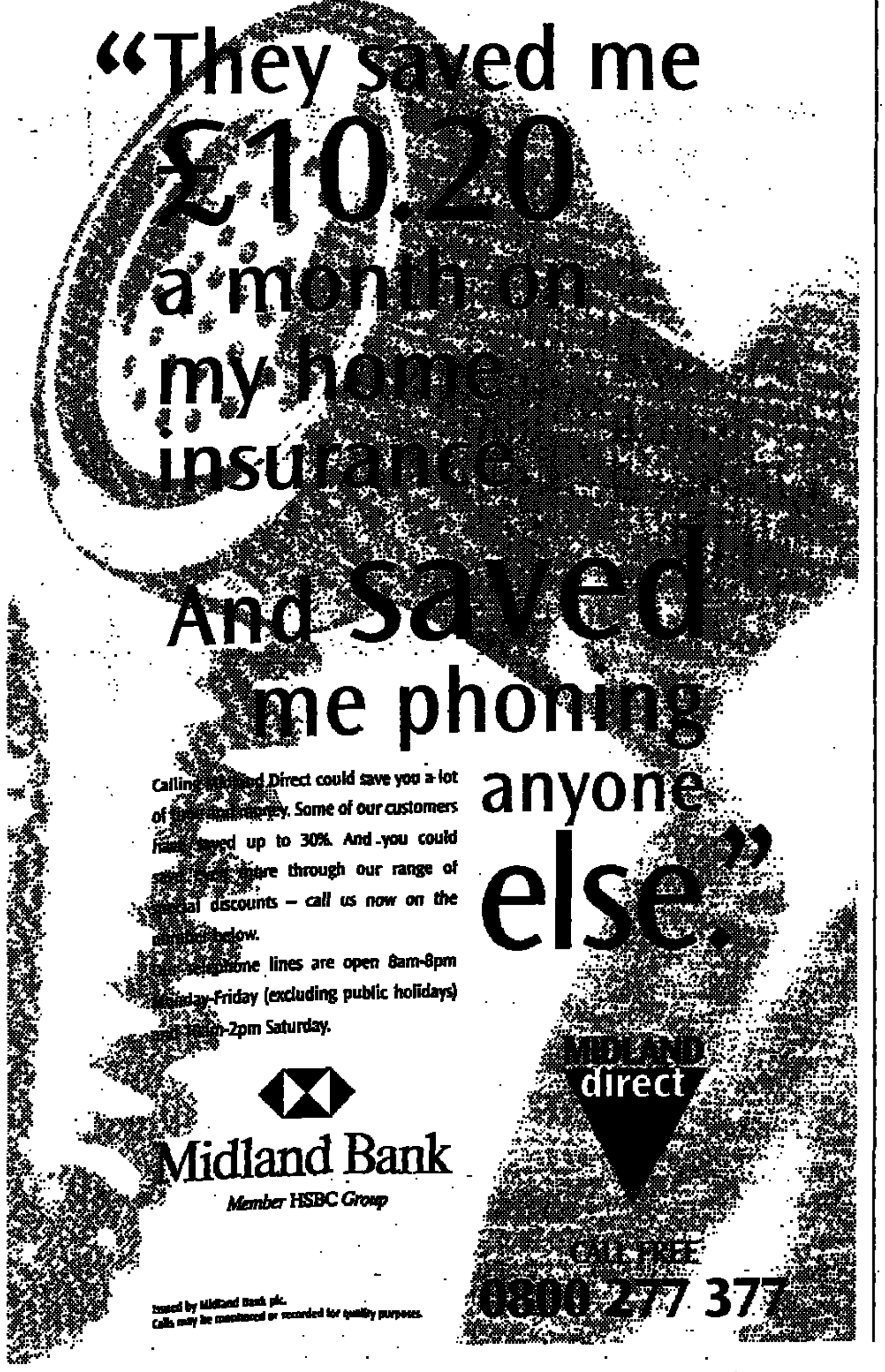
The primitive floating runways were little more than a barge towed behind a destroyer. They were initially designed to carry sea-planes to within striking distance of the German fleet. In the closing stages of the war, they were converted to allow a Sopwith Camel to take off from the wooden deck, but there was no facility for landing after a mission.

A fleet of 45 of the craft, called lighters, had been built in 1917. The hulls were designed so that, at high speed, the bow wave broke sideways, keeping aircraft wings dry. Graham Mottram, the museum's director, said: "Early in 1918, experiments with aircraft at sea were moving very fast and the idea arose of building a wooden deck to fly a Sopwith Camel fighter. The first attempt was not a success. Commander Charles Samson took off, but nobody had realised that the deck pointed sharply uphill because of the towing angle. He stalled and crashed into the sea, and the lighter ran him over." Commander Samson was not badly hurt.

"They rebuilt the ramp and within a few days in August 1918, Lieutenant Stuart Cully successfully took off and shot down a Zeppelin. Once a pilot finished a mission, he had to ditch in the sea close to a destroyer, then inflate big flotation bags to stop sinking. The ship's crew would then fish him out of the sea. It worked after a fashion, but the aircraft had to be carefully dried and serviced."

The lighter's role as a fighting platform was shortlived. By the summer of 1918, pilots had proved that they could take off from a flat-decked ship. They could also land again. By the end of the war, Britain had two recognisable aircraft carriers, *HMS Furious* and *HMS Argos*, "which was two more than any other country".

The surviving example has spent 65 years ferrying cargo to a boatyard at Sunbury, Surrey. The yard bought it from the Navy in the 1930s. Mr Mottram said: "The barge is in remarkably good condition considering. We hope to restore the platform and display our own replica Sopwith Camel on the lighter."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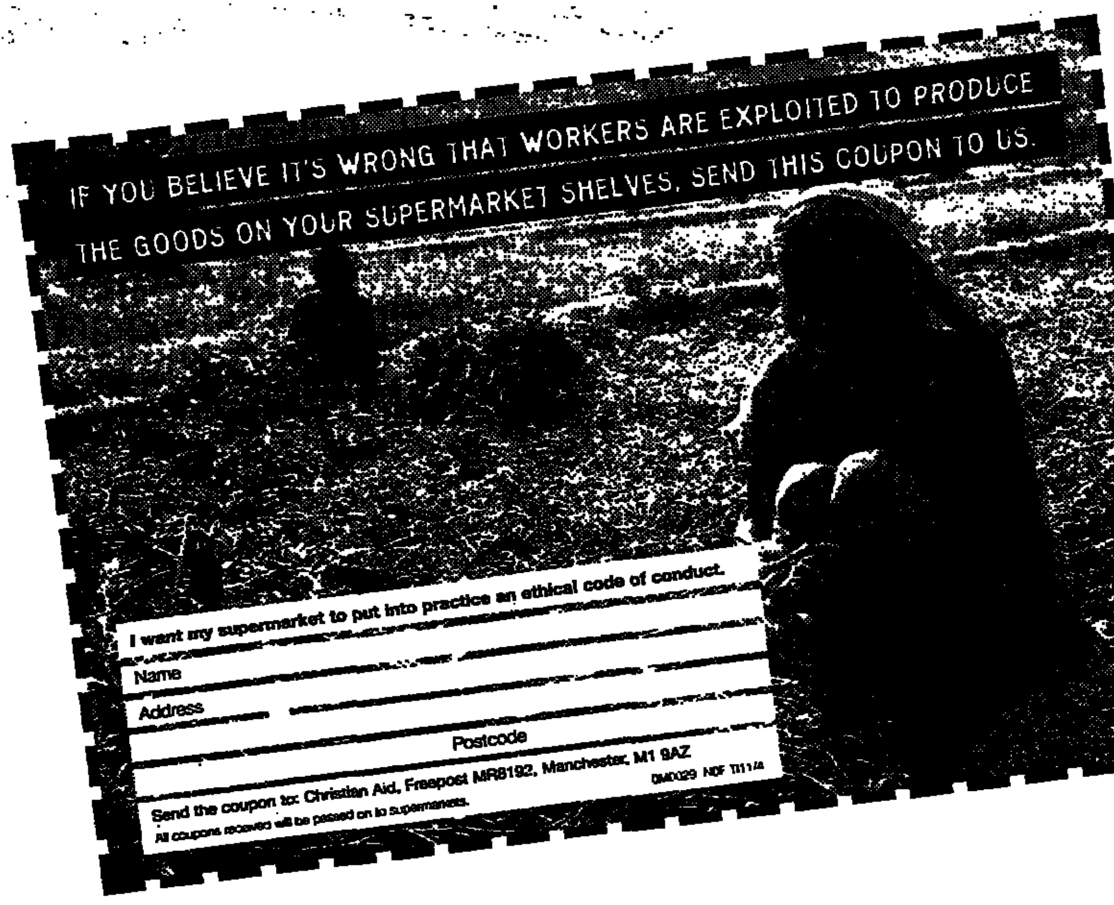
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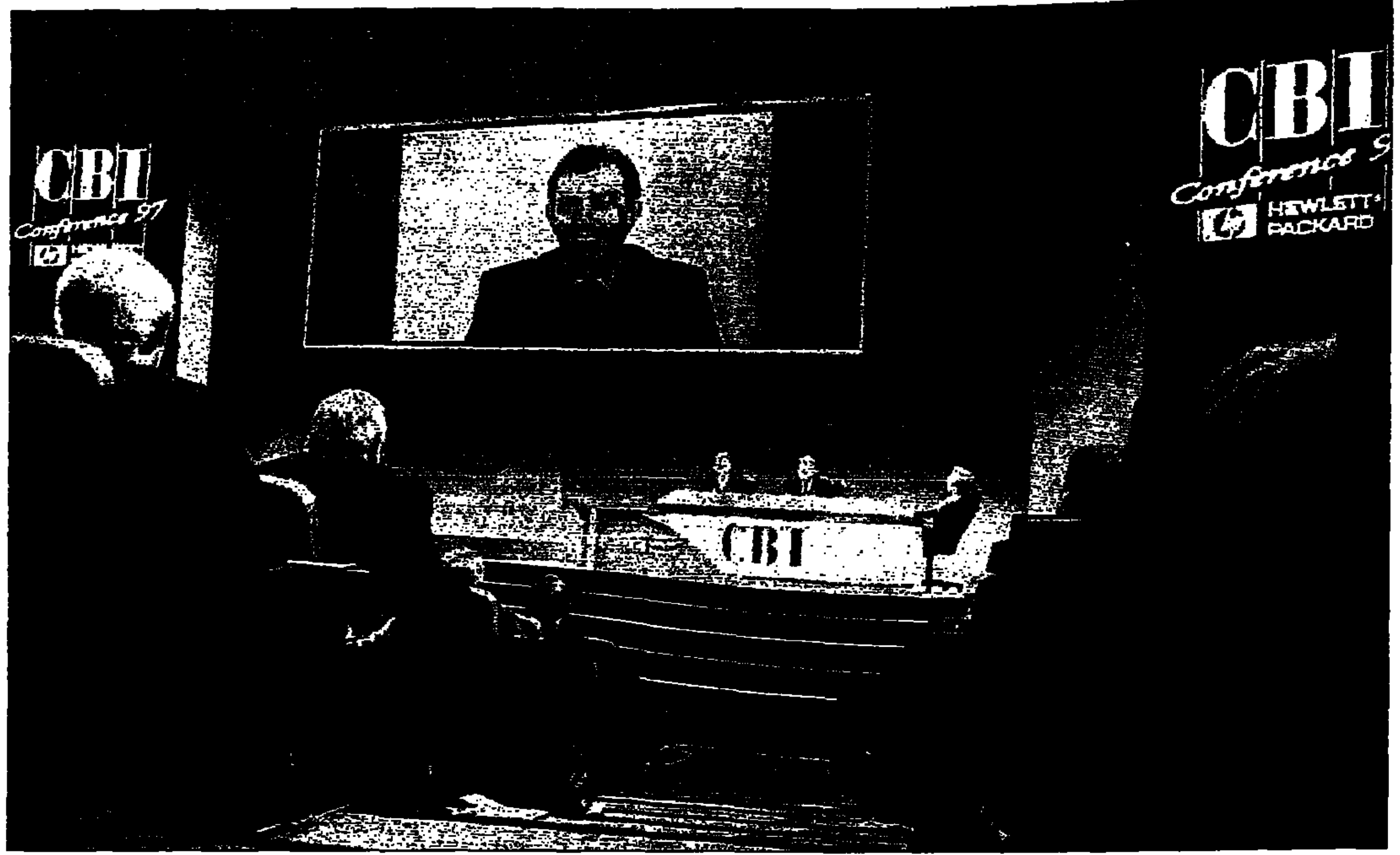
We must reform Europe, declares Blair

Business leaders saw little to complain about when they watched the big screen version of the Government's policy on the single currency, reports **Jill Sherman**


DAVID JONES

Political image: Tony Blair presenting his plans for "the world's No 1 creative economy" to the CBI conference in Birmingham yesterday

TONY BLAIR declared yesterday that Britain must become "Europe's reformers" and that the European Union would have to be more flexible to make a single currency work.

In his speech to the Confederation of British Industry, *which was transmitted from* London to the organisation's conference in Birmingham via a video link, he set out a six-point plan to give Britain "the world's No 1 creative economy".

As delegates watched his image on a giant screen, the *Prime Minister* gave an enthusiastic endorsement of the single currency but urged his European partners to adopt more flexible labour markets to ensure the success of economic and monetary union. His advice may anger his European colleagues, who *have been upset in the past* by his attempts to assert his role in the EU.

While warning of the dangers of joining a single currency too early, he emphasised that it was important for Britain that the project worked. He also urged business *leaders to prepare* as soon as possible to use the euro from the day of its introduction in 1999.

"If the economic benefits are clear and unambiguous in favour of going in, we want Britain to be part of a successful single currency. And we *want business to prepare* for that eventuality and make a practical reality of it, as only business can."

He argued that to join EMU too early would imply a massive monetary relaxation in Britain, which would risk setting off a short-lived inflationary boom. "*That is precisely* the economics of boom and bust which this Government was elected to bring to an end. That is why joining this Parliament is unrealistic."

But Britain had made a pledge to its European partners that it would ensure a *successful start to the* single currency in its EU presidency, which starts in June. "Our role will be constructive and engaged. But we will also work hard to ensure that the single currency is set up on a sound footing. We must become Europe's reformers. Monetary union is a unique and ambitious project. To make it work Europe will need to demonstrate a new adaptability and flexibility."

Mr Blair said he would fight vigorously during Britain's presidency for reform of the EU budget and the common agricultural policy. "I don't want Britain to become constructive in Europe just by giving in to whatever is proposed by any other European country or the Commission.

Earlier he echoed remarks made by Margaret Beckett, the Trade and Industry Secretary, that some British firms were not up to scratch and had to improve their performance. He said that a report published by the Department of Trade and Industry yesterday showed that while some companies were competing effectively with the world's best, many were not.

"The message is clear: we need to redouble our efforts to match the standards set by the best companies in the world. It's a message everyone in the country and industry needs to heed."

But he said that firms could not raise performance unless the Goverment set a framework of economic policy. "I am an unrepentant long-termist. There aren't quick fixes to get economic success. Politicians who promise them are not telling the truth."

Mr Blair set out six basic principles of a "modern economic policy for Britain", which rested on one key belief. "To succeed today, Britain must be the world's No 1 creative economy. We will win by brains or not at all. We will compete on enterprise and talent or fail.

"The partnership I advocate is not some cosy old consensus politics. It is a hard-headed look at what Government and business need to do together to reach that goal."

The first principle was to run a *well-managed*, tight economic ship, he said, as he defended the Government's decision to allow the Bank of England to set interest rates. "I know it's hard to have interest-rate rises and consequent pressure on the pound as we choke off inflation that was back in the system. But I believe passionately that we were right. Better to have interest-rate rises now — still at 7.25 per cent — than to go back to the early 90s when they were at 15 per cent for a year."

The other principles included boosting education by ensuring more students were able to go to university; reforming the welfare state to encourage people into jobs; stimulating enterprise and intiative through labour market flexibility; renewing the country's infrastructure and getting the best out of EU membership.

Mr Blair earned a polite reception from the conference delegates, who were bemused *by being addressed by a video* image, though there was little in the speech with which they disagreed.

Ashdown calls for cross-party force

PADDY ASHDOWN urged business leaders yesterday to join a cross-party coalition to fight Euroscepticism.

The Liberal Democrat leader used his speech at the CBI conference to call on industrialists to work together with his party and Labour in shaping the future of the EU. "We challenge those in all parties, and business too, who want to see Britain playing its full part in Europe to work together in defeating Euroscepticism and winning the case for Britain's constructive engagement in Europe."

He indicated that the Lib Dems would work even closer with Labour to create a new politics in Britain. "There is a great project in hand. And I think it will take ten years to complete. It is nothing less than the modernisation of Britain. The Liberal Democrats and new Labour — working with the business community — are natural partners in that project."

Mr Ashdown said he welcomed the Government's support for joining a single currency in principle, but not its decision to delay entry. He said that the Government was likely to be pushed down that track faster than than ministers were prepared to admit, *and the Liberal* Democrats would be one of the forces behind it.

Industry fears impact of degree tuition fees

BY CHISTINE BUCKLEY
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE introduction of tuition fees for *higher education could damage the* competitiveness of business by discouraging students from taking degree courses, the CBI said yesterday.

The employers' organisation called on the Government to raise the threshold of parental income for the payment of tuition fees from £16,000-£18,000 to £25,000. It fears that setting such a low income level will keep many would-be students out of education because they woul not be able to afford to study.

In a report on government spending, *the CBI said: "There is a real risk that* numbers entering higher education will fall and this could have a detrimental impact on skill levels and on UK competitiveness."

The confederation, which has called consistently for more young people to go into higher education, said: "Given the surprisingly low rate of growth in government spending on education . . . and the potential benefits of education to the wider economy, there is a strong case for increased taxpayer funding here."

The call marks the first time that the organisation has set itself against government plans for tuition fees. Adair Turner, director general of the CBI, said it was important that fees were "kept to a level that does not deter".

David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, has insisted that fees will not halt the growth in higher education, which is planned to accelerate over the next decade. However, early applications for degree places in 1998 show a drop of about 10 per cent *on last year*.

John Cridland, the CBI's head of human resources, said that people were being disadvantaged twice on education funding: by the removal of grants and by the introduction of tuition fees. The confederation was asking the Government to raise the income threshold "to protect the people that are the most vulnerable".

Teachers' claim challenged

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

CLAIMS of poor morale among teachers are being *exaggerated*, Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, said yesterday.

Delegates to the conference complained that schools were facing a crisis. Colin Glass, chief executive of Watson and Philip, said that staff faced an impossible situation: when children performed badly it was the teachers' fault, when they performed well it was because examination standards were falling.

But Mr Woodhead, who has clashed continually with teachers, told the conference: "I accept that morale is a problem but I don't think it is as acute a problem as some teachers and commentators lead us to believe."

He said that he would not tone down his criticisms, despite being accused of helping to worsen morale in schools. Teachers had often claimed that poor performance was someone *else's fault*.

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, said later: "I wonder if he is talking to the same teachers as we do. The whole system of management by public humiliation needs to change."

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Saddam accused of anti-Stealth deal

FROM *TOM RHODES* IN WASHINGTON

THE Clinton Administration last night launched an investigation into reports that Iraq planned to buy five electronic warfare radar systems from Eastern Europe that would give President Saddam Hussein the capability of detecting and shooting down American Stealth bombers.

Revelations of the deal came as Baghdad continued to defy United Nations resolutions by barring weapons inspection teams from facilities outside the capital and President Clinton, speaking at Arlington cemetery on Veterans Day, reiterated his demand that the international community impose its will on Saddam.

"They [the inspectors] are doing what they must do and they must get back to work. And the international community must demand that," Mr Clinton said.

Increasing American pressure on Iraq to comply with UN resolutions, William Cohen, the American Defence Secretary, said he and General Henry Shelton, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, had decided to cancel visits to Asia to be on hand in case of "any kind of contingency".

Asked if UN approval would be needed to launch a military strike against Saddam, Mr Cohen said: "I think there is inherent authority under existing UN authority to carry out such strikes, should it be necessary." Madeleine Albright, the Secretary of State, telephoned her counterparts among members of the Security Council, including Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Foreign Minister, and was said to have been assured of Moscow's support for a "graduated" approach to Saddam.

Since his air defence grid was destroyed by F117 Stealth jets in the early hours of the Gulf War, the Iraqi leader has been searching for a system to counter the radar-evading aircraft. In the last month, according to the *Washington Times*, a group of Bulgarian arms dealers has been working secretly to arrange the sale of five Tamara warfare radar systems to Baghdad for $375 million (£223 million). An American official said last night that the report was being taken seriously and an investigation was under way.

CIA officials were said to have identified General Peter Barbalov, a retired Bulgarian officer and ambassador to Iraq in the early 1990s, as the prime mover behind the deal, which has been under negotiation since July.

General Barbalov, president of Inochem-SI Ltd, an arms trading company registered with the Czech Government, has maintained strong links with many of Iraq's military leaders, including General Amar Rashid, head of the Iraqi military-industrial complex.

Although all weapons sales to Saddam's regime are banned under a UN embargo imposed at the end of the Gulf War, the radar deal was expected to circumvent sanctions by identifying the end user as a country other than Iraq.

Toxin work suspected

New York: UN inspectors have uncovered evidence that Iraq *may be continuing* work on the lethal toxin Ricin, once used to kill a Bulgarian *dissident on Waterloo* Bridge (James Bone writes). According to UN sources, scientific *papers concerning* Ricin were discovered by inspectors during a raid in *April on the university office* of a scientist with links to Iraq's biological weapons *centre at Al-Hakam*. Baghdad claimed the papers related to its experimentation with *Ricin before the Gulf War*.

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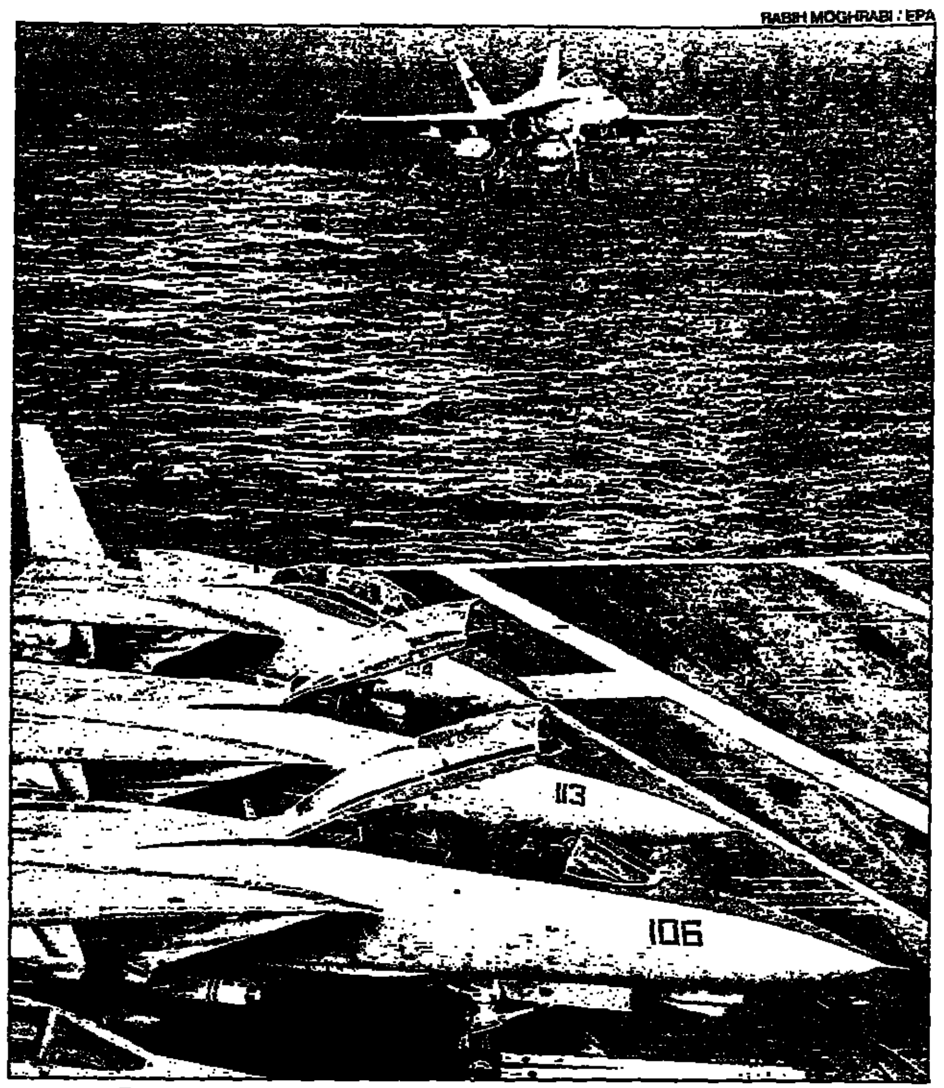
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Jet fighters on the aircraft carrier *USS Nimitz*, on high alert in the Gulf

Baghdad shrugs off sanctions threats

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

IRAQ yesterday brushed aside threats of increased sanctions or American military strikes and threatened to block United Nations attempts to monitor its arms programmes unless its own demands were met.

An influential newspaper run by President Saddam Hussein's elder son, Uday, said Iraq wanted written guarantees that inspection teams would be neutral and a timetable for lifting sanctions.

"If not, it will be our right to close the file on co-operation ... and abandon any illusion of a solution through the UN because it is no more than an agency of the US State Department," *Babel* said.

Such action would step up the confrontation with the UN, which is concerned that Baghdad is exploiting the stand-off to hide equipment related to weapons of mass destruction. There have been no weapons inspections for nine days because of Iraq's ban on Americans taking part.

Americans fail to win UN consensus on military action

FROM *JAMES BONE* IN NEW YORK

BRITAIN and the United States yesterday abandoned their effort to get a clear threat of military action against Iraq from the United Nations Security Council.

Facing opposition from Russia, France and China, they dropped the issuing of a warning of "serious consequences" from a draft resolution they plan to table for a vote as early as today. The resolution will still impose a travel ban on senior Iraqi officials and condemn Baghdad's decision to bar Americans from working as UN weapons inspectors.

British diplomats emphasised that their objective was to obtain a unanimous denunciation of Iraq by the Security Council, increasingly divided on how to ensure Iraqi co-operation with the UN Special Commission charged with eliminating its weapons of mass destruction.

Britain had originally wanted the resolution to declare Iraq in "material breach" of its obligations under the Gulf War ceasefire — a legal formula giving clear authority for a resumption of military action.

Russia, France and China objected to the phrase, because of its implicit threat of the use of force, and at a meeting of the five veto-bearing members of the 15-nation Security Council the draft was watered down even further with the deletion of the phrase "serious consequences".

The Security Council had already issued a presidential statement last week giving a warning of "serious consequences", and the fact that the wording could not be repeated explicitly in a formal Security Council resolution signalled members' strong opposition to military action. Even the agreement of permanent members on a travel ban came only after the Security Council had issued two previous unheeded warnings.

Russia spoke out adamantly against a military strike on Iraq yesterday after a Beijing summit meeting between President Yeltsin and President Jiang Zemin of China. A Russian spokesman said: "We want to express our decisive opposition to using the UN Security Council as a cover for military strikes against Baghdad." He added: "That is Russia's position. As far as I know, China shares it."

Egypt, another Security Council member, also voiced opposition. President Mubarak told *al-Ahram* newspaper that "the principle of the use of force is not appropriate".

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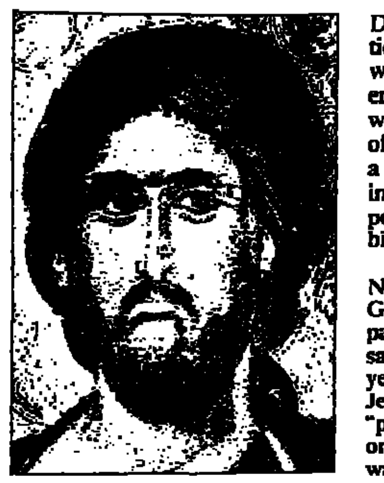
Biblical scholar paints new picture of an upwardly mobile Jesus


Jesus: "middle-class"

A Jesuit lecturer says that Christ's life was not so humble, **Richard Owen** writes

DESPITE Jesus Christ's exhortations to the rich to give up their worldly goods if they hoped to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, he was born into "a relatively well off" middle-class family and lived a comfortable lifestyle, associating with the rich as well as the poor, according to a leading Jesuit biblical scholar.

Father Ugo Vanni, lecturer in New Testament studies at the Gregorian University — which is part of the Vatican structure — said he had concluded after 20 years of research that although Jesus undoubtedy adhered to the "principles of simplicity" he urged on others, his standard of living was "somewhere between the super-austerity of John the Baptist and the well-to-do life of the rich".

Although Jesus's birth in a stable at Bethlehem suggested humble origins, the Holy Family were not poor. He agreed with the Roman Catholic historian, Giovanni Magnani, who recently caused a stir within the Vatican by suggesting that Jesus was "not a simple carpenter" but "more like a successful builder, a polyglot, and altogether a solid and cultured citizen of Galilee".

"We are not talking here about a backward rural milieu," Father Vanni told *Il Messaggero*. "Jesus came from a highly cultured background. He was a professional artisan like his earthly father, Joseph." Father Vanni said the Biblical word *tékton*, commonly translated as "carpenter", in fact implied a high level of professional training, craftsmanship and standing in the community — "something more like a surveyor". He said Joseph and Jesus would certainly not have confined their activities to Nazareth. "It was probably a well-known family business in the area."

In St Mark's Gospel, Jesus meets "a man of great wealth", who says he has kept all the Commandments, and asks what else he must do to win eternal life. Jesus tells him to "Go, sell everything you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven" (Mark x, 21). He then makes his celebrated observation to the disciples that "it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God" (Mark x, 25).

But Father Vanni said although Jesus made a point of associating with the the poor, the despised and the outcast, he was not averse to accepting dinner invitations from "the rich and the well off". He said the household of Martha, Mary and Lazarus in Bethany — where Mary anoints Jesus's feet with costly oil and perfume, to the irritation of Judas Iscariot — was clearly middle-class.

The disciples recruited by Galilee, such as St Peter, were not simple fishermen but men who ran a serious fishing business, Father Vanni said. Jesus "did not expropriate the riches of all his followers".

He adhered to ascetic spiritual values, "but the Gospel message does not emphasise poverty in the radical manner of John the Baptist". He said St Luke's reference to the fact that "Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and men" (Luke ii, 52) showed he was "not a hermit, but an open and amiable young man".

Father Vanni said Jesus probably attended performances in Greek at the theatre of Seforis, a town of about 30,000 people, which was about four miles from Nazareth, and which was recently excavated. He said Jesus sometimes used theatrical images, including his vivid description in St Matthew's Gospel of the "hypocrites" who give to the neey "with a flourish of trumpets" and pray "where everyone can see them" (Mattew vi, 2 and 5), whereas Christians should "go into a room by themselves, shut the door and pray to their Father who is unseen" (Matthew vi, 6).

£6bn tax deficit threatens Bonn target for EMU

From Roger Boyes in Bonn

GERMANY was yesterday struggling to keep on target for European economic and monetary union after a £6 billion shortfall in tax revenues.

Although the Government quickly drew up a set of proposals to plug the gap, a cloud now hangs over Bonn's ability to meet precisely the Maastricht goal of keeping the public deficit down to 3 per cent of gross domestic product.

Germans will have to reckon with yet more belt-tightening. Public spending has been capped to prevent the traditional year-end sprint to dispose of the rest of the annual budget in December. One newspaper complained: "We have already been squeezed to the limit, police patrols are having their petrol rationed ... there is nothing left to cut."

Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, hopes that by rescheduling east German debts and by an interest-rate swap between government and banks, he can make up the central government budget without resorting to new borrowing. Some of the revenues from the privatisation of Telekom will also be used to close the gap.

He said that Germany would meet the euro targets for 1997 and 1998. But economists said Germany would have problems keeping the deficit down to 3 per cent of GDP and could well end up with 3.1 per cent. This would probably not be fatal for monetary union but would be a serious embarrassment for Bonn, weakening its ability to exclude from EMU countries with lax fiscal discipline.

Speaking on BBC television's *Business Breakfast*, Adair Turner — director-general of the Chamber of British Industry — said of the Germans, "it is still very important that they, like everyone else, meet the criteria, so if they are significantly outside it we would certainly see that as an argument for delaying the whole project, not just for us but for the others".

Stronger than expected growth and some statistical adjustments — such as the exclusion of hospital debt — may yet ensure that Germany scrapes under the euro fence. The tax shortfall, which is the result of both central and local government budgeting, does suggest, however, that there is something fundamentally amiss with Germany's public finances. Tax revenues, according to the latest calculations, will drop even further next year.

Seen over a medium-term perspective, it is plain that there has been quite serious budgetary mismanagement. Two years ago the Government calculated that total tax revenues for 1997 would be around £331 billion. Yesterday's estimate for this year was close to £274 billion.

The shortfall is partly caused by stubbornly high unemployment, since the 4.4 million jobless pay no taxes. But the overall catchment area of taxpayers has been shrinking, companies have been given tax concessions (to improve Germany's international competitiveness) and top-rate taxpayers are making full use of the many legal loopholes to reduce their payments. Some of these loopholes cannot easily be closed without creating further unemployment.

The tax crisis highlights the failure of the Government and Opposition to reach a comprehensive tax reform that would unlock revenue but keep Germany competitive.

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Hillary Clinton at a welcoming ceremony in Alma Ata after arriving in Kazakhstan yesterday for a tour of the former Soviet Union. The visit aims to promote human rights, religious tolerance and economic development

Final journey for remains of Tsar's family

From Robin Lodge in Moscow

A SPECIAL train will set out from Moscow in the next few days and travel 1,000 miles east over the Ural mountains to Yekaterinburg to collect the remains of Tsar Nicholas II and his family from the city where they were killed by the Bolsheviks in July 1918.

A spokesman for the General Prosecutor said yesterday that a carriage, accompanied by a detachment of riot police, had been due to leave Moscow last night, but had been held up for technical reasons. He said the operation to move the remains would begin within a week.

President Yeltsin ordered the remains — consisting of skulls, teeth and bones, all severely damaged by acid and fire — to be brought to Moscow last week, overruling objections from Eduard Rossel, the Governor of Sverdlovsk province, who has been campaigning for their final burial in the city where they died. When in Moscow they will be given a final examination by experts, including specialists from Britain and the United States, to remove any remaining doubts about their authenticity. The remains will then be returned to Yekaterinburg pending a final decision by a commission on their permanent resting place.

European job ruling favours women

From Charles Bremner in Brussels

STATES are entitled to give preference to the recruitment and promotion of women over men in their public services, the European Court of Justice ruled yesterday.

In a decision that delighted the Brussels Commission and womens' rights groups, the court backed away from an earlier ruling that appeared to outlaw positive discrimination in the name of equal opportunities. National laws giving priority to women in public-sector promotions do not conflict with EU law provided male candidates are not excluded from consideration, the judges ruled. Fixing quotas on female recruitment was, however, unlawful.

The finding resulted from the case of a teacher in North Rhine-Westphalia who complained that a woman had been appointed to a post for which he was equally qualified on the ground that there were more men than women in similar posts.

Padraig Flynn, EU Commissioner for Social Affairs, welcomed the fact that the judges had recognised the need to counter deep-rooted prejudices and stereotypes.

"The mere fact that a male and female candidate are equally qualified does not mean that they have the same chances," the judges said.

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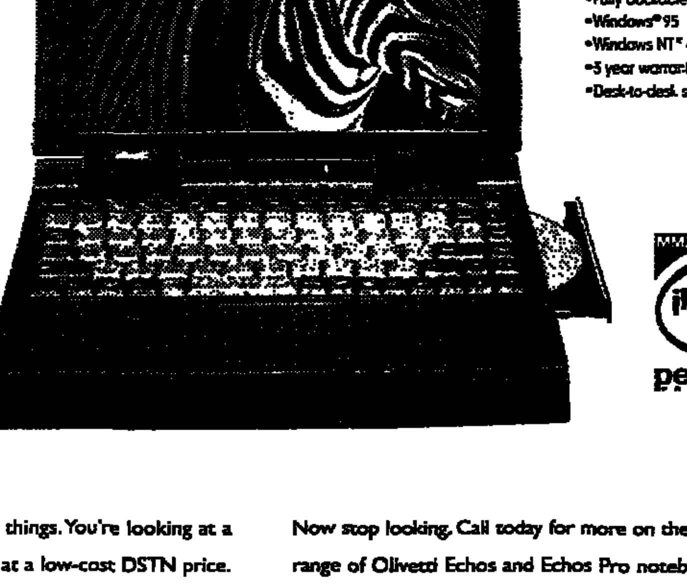

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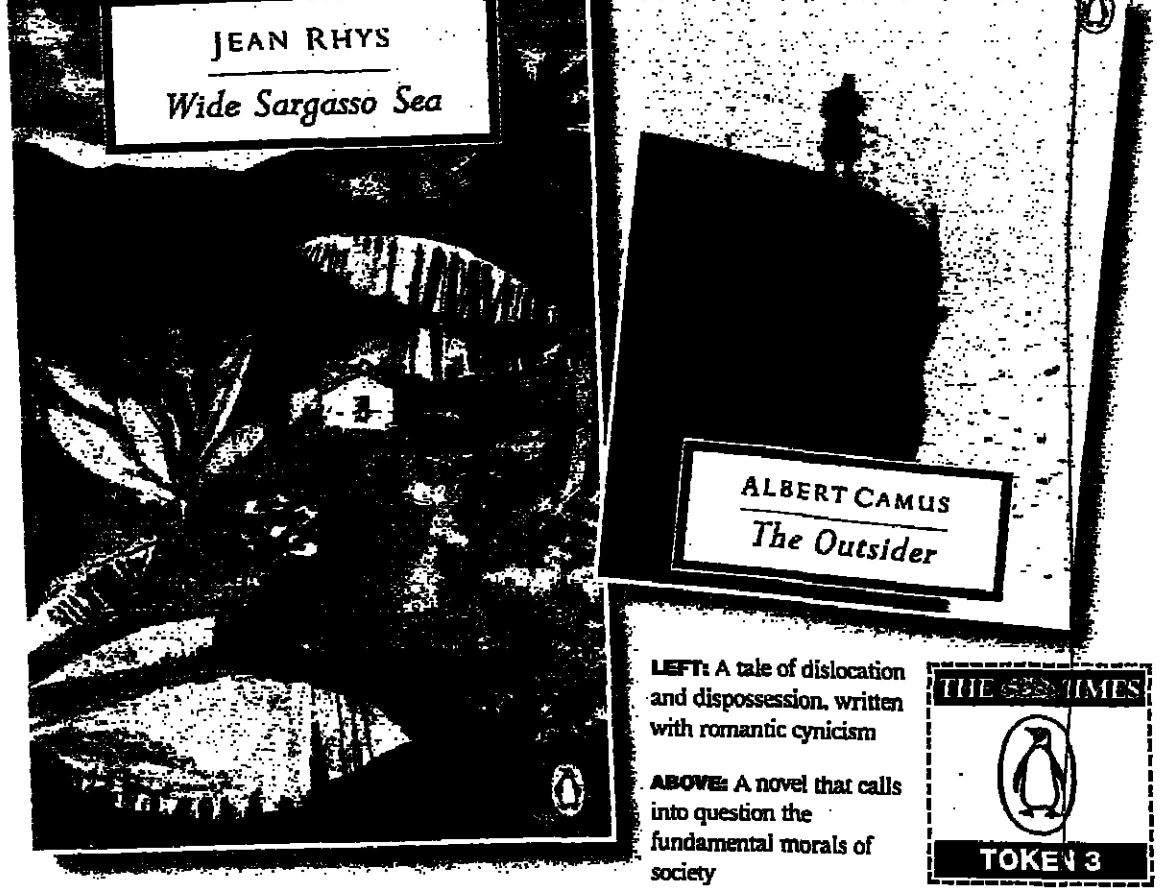

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Crocodiles and hunger plague flooded Somalia

From David Orr in Bardera, Somalia

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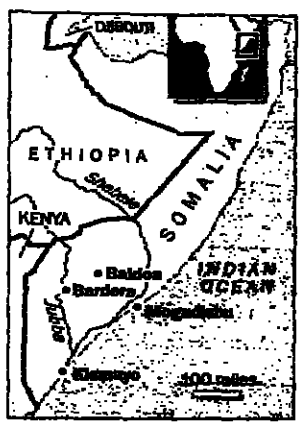
A Somali soldier patrols by boat through the flooded town of Bardera, watched by children wading in search of missing belongings

PEOPLE gazed skywards and waved as our small aircraft circled overhead. Around them lay flooded fields and devastated homes. Camped on a ridge with whatever possessions they had salvaged, they were safe. But should the waters rise further, they *might* drown.

After more than a month of unusually heavy rainfall, much of southern Somalia lies submerged. Rivers have broken their banks, pouring muddy torrents over hundreds of square miles of land. Villages have been destroyed, crops ruined and roads and bridges washed away. In some areas people are reported to have sought safety in trees, where they have been for nearly a week. No one knows how many have drowned but the toll rises daily.

"Bodies are being swept downstream by the River Jubba," said Abdul Rashid, a Somali aid worker, in the Indian Ocean port of Kismayo yesterday. "People inland are fleeing to higher ground, seeking out anthills and mango trees for safety."

An estimated 200,000 are believed to be at risk in a region more used to drought. The rains started early last month and show no sign of letting up. Problems are compounded by large numbers of crocodiles and poisonous snakes, all competing with people for the little dry land.



An unknown number of people have been attacked by reptiles and even hippos. With health facilities limited and little serum for snake bites, the situation is critical.

The United Nations has appealed for millions of pounds, equipment and skilled people to help it to cope. Agostino Paganini, a UN spokesman, says unless they reach stricken areas with helicopters and boats, thousands may die.

The relief effort is hampered by Somalia's lack of a central government since civil war broke out in 1991. Rival clans compete for control of the shattered country, enforcing their will with a frightening array of weaponry. Kismayo is held by General Mohamed Said Morgan, a colourful warlord with a revolver hanging from his hip. His "technicals" — pick-up trucks with heavy-calibre machineguns driven by youths high on *khat*, the locally favoured narcotic — roar round the town's streets while a dozen miles down the road the fighters of Hussein Mohamed Aidid, a rival warlord, await the next skirmish.

Flying north up the Jubba valley in a light aircraft supplied by the UN, dozens of flooded settlements could be seen yesterday. In some, only the circular thatched roofs of villagers' huts remain above water. Floods stretch as far as the eye can see on either side of the river.

Bardera is in one of Somalia's main agricultural areas, but its fields of cereals, tobacco, fruit and vegetables have been ruined. So, too, have the *bakaro* — underground stores for grain. The population of Bardera has been swollen by an influx of 40,000 displaced people in recent weeks.

Yesterday the first delivery of 10 tonnes of emergency food and medical supplies, as well as blankets and tarpaulins, was airlifted to the town by the UN. "People have drowned and in the town they've been crushed to death by falling buildings," said Bill Condie of Unicef yesterday. Dozens of camps lining the Jubba's banks are cut off by the floodwaters and reachable only by boat. "People are already very hungry," said Commissioner Hassan Mohamed in Bullo Garas camp yesterday. "Our food is almost finished. I have seen crocodiles and snakes swimming in these camps. I know two people who were attacked by crocodiles."

Many vicious attacks have been reported as the terrified beasts are driven into close contact with people. World Vision aid workers had to be airlifted from Buale town after a crocodile was discovered in their compound.

Secret deal ends Disney feud

From Giles Whittell in Los Angeles

A GAME of chicken involving millions of dollars between two of Hollywood's top power brokers has ended in a secret deal, ruling out a trial that would have laid bare studio accounts and revealed much about how film moguls reward themselves.

One of Tinseltown's nastiest feuds ended suddenly and behind closed doors with a settlement of Jeffrey Katzenberg's $250 million (£148 million) lawsuit against his old employer, the Walt Disney Company. The deal's terms were not disclosed but sources believe the studio may have to pay out more than $100 million.

Mr Katzenberg, a legendary workaholic and founder of the new Dreamworks studio, claims he is owed vast sums for producing the $700 million hit, *The Lion King*, and other films while head of the Disney feature film division.

His dispute turned personal when Michael Eisner, the Disney chairman, refused to promote him despite ten years of loyal and lucrative service at the home of Mickey Mouse and a working relationship going back even further.

Mr Katzenberg, who cast himself as the underdog facing an ungrateful Goliath, appears to have scored a substantial victory by insisting from the start that he wanted a trial. His running battle with Mr Eisner reportedly reached a climax when he stormed out of a tense meeting last week in a Los Angeles hotel saying he would see his old boss in court. It convinced Mr Eisner that his foe was ready to fight it out.

Mr Katzenberg left the Walt Disney Company in 1994 after the company's president, Frank Wells, was killed in a Nevada skiing accident. Passed over for the vacant job, Mr Katzenberg founded Dreamworks with Steven Spielberg and David Geffen, the recording billionaire.

His lawsuit was based on a claim that his contract guaranteed him 2 per cent of the several billion dollars earned by Disney projects initiated under him. The stakes were raised when Michael Ovitz, briefly Mr Eisner's right-hand man, left the studio with a payoff worth $100 million after 14 disastrous months on the job.

Mr Katzenberg, who re-mortgaged three homes to come up with his initial stake in Dreamworks, had reportedly said he would never settle for less than Mr Ovitz.

Katzenberg: passed over for promotion

Clinton evades 'lame duck' tag

From Bronwen Maddox in Washington

PRESIDENT CLINTON is battling to show that he is not yet a lame duck, in the wake of Monday's defeat in Congress over the crucial "fast-track" Bill to give him the power to negotiate foreign trade deals.

Some speculated in Washington yesterday that the White House would be more likely now to take an aggressive line towards Iraq to demonstrate the Administration's ability to set the political agenda. Mr Clinton used yesterday's Veterans' Day holiday to declare that President Saddam Hussein's refusal to admit American inspectors was unacceptable. He also repeated passionately his backing for Nato's eastwards expansion and for treaties to combat nuclear proliferation. Those pledges are seen as part of the White House's urgent search for ways to demonstrate its commitment to America's role in international affairs in the aftermath of Monday's setback.

The Administration denies that Mr Clinton's decision on Monday to withdraw the Bill rather than face defeat marks a turning point in his presidency, saying that the White House will present the Bill again in the new year. Officials point out, too, that the President's fast-track authority lapsed three years ago and that the sharp divisions within the Democratic Party that have deterred him from reapplying for it are nothing new.

But Congress's rebuttal comes in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision to strike down moves to tighten gun control and to curb Internet pornography, key pledges in Mr Clinton's election campaign last year. The President, confounded by Congress and the Supreme Court, is now searching for new ways to leave his mark.

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Couple's $2m art treasures go for $206m

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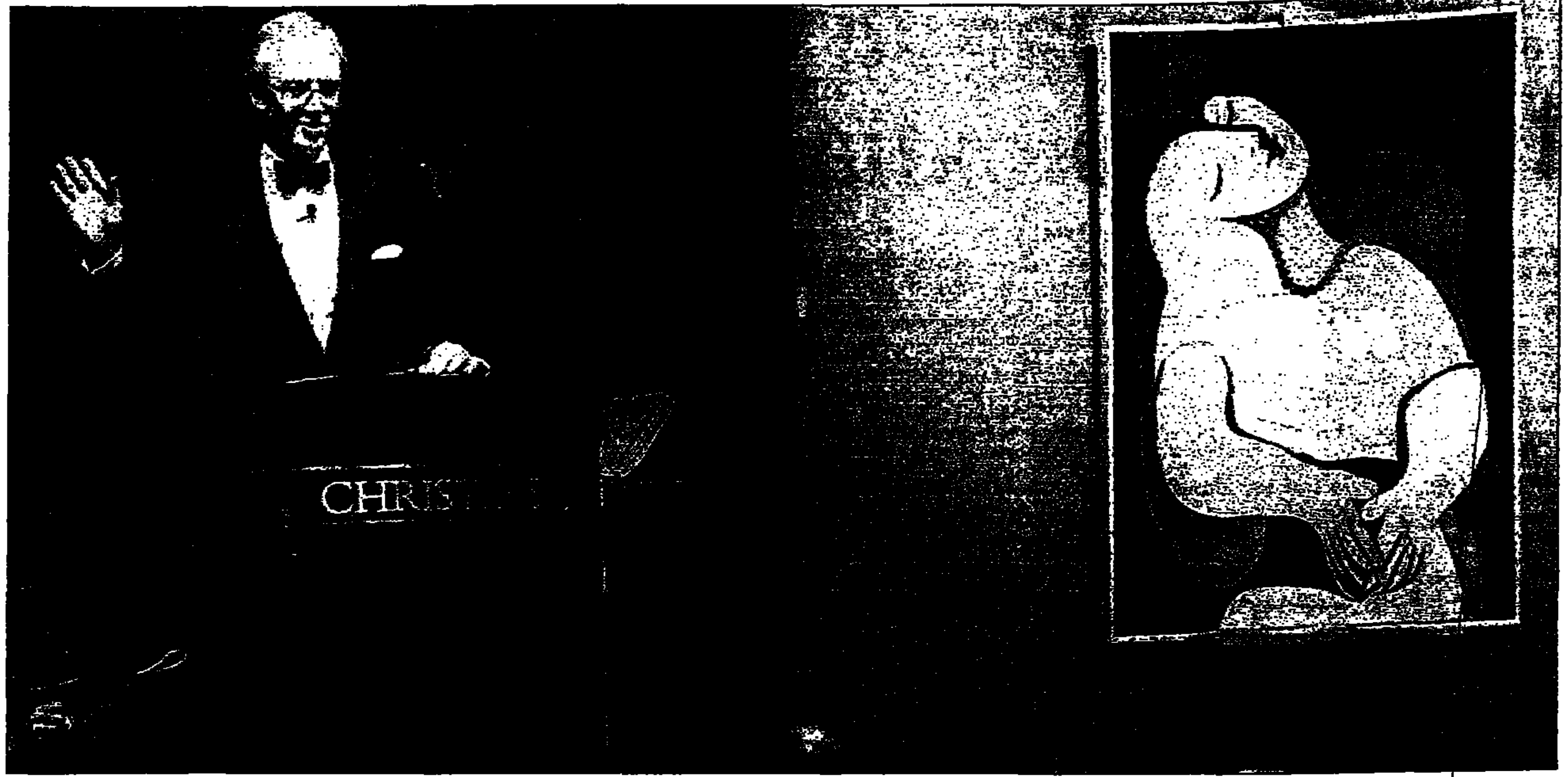
Victor and Sally Ganz, who focused their buying on high-quality work by a few blue-chip artists



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Christopher Burge, of Christie's, starts the bidding for Picasso's Le Rêve bought for $7,000 in 1941 and, below, Woman in an Armchair which fetched $48 million

James Bone on a New York couple who built up a great art collection on Saturday shopping expeditions

PERHAPS the world's greatest private collection of modern art, acquired for less than $2 million (£1.2 million) by a New York couple who strolled the galleries on Saturday afternoons, has sold at auction for a record $206 million.

Victor and Sally Ganz began their now legendary 115-piece collection with the purchase of Picasso's *Le Rêve (The Dream)* in 1941 for $7,000.

In the sale of their estate at Christie's on Monday, Picasso's portrait of his teenage mistress, Marie-Thérèse Walter, sleeping in an armchair, fetched $48.2 million.

An intensely private couple, the Ganzes hung their collection in simple frames on the walls of their town house in Gracie Square, sometimes obscuring them with lamps or flower vases. Mr Ganz, who died in 1987, ran his family's costume jewellery business and his wife, who died in January, devoted herself to charitable causes.

Though not particularly rich by the standards of today's tycoons, they amassed one of the finest private collections of modern art by focusing their buying on high-quality work by a few blue-chip artists. The couple became the largest private owners of Picassos in America and acquired major works by Jasper Johns, Robert Rauschenberg, Frank Stella and Eva Hesse, the German-born minimalist sculptor.

Tony Ganz, their son, said his father "had taught himself to find the toughest picture, often a picture that he did not understand initially and was not yet in love with. And pretty much without fail, those were the pictures that turned out to be the great ones".

Drawn by their reputation for connoisseurship, an estimated 25,000 people visited Christie's in the two weeks before the sale to view the Ganzes' collection.

On Monday, the auction house's four salerooms were crammed with 2,000 people, more than twice the normal attendance. Sixty telephones, double the usual number, were set up to accept bids and every private office was rigged with closed-circuit television for buyers seeking to watch in privacy. Many of the world's best-known collectors and dealers were in the crowd.

With the art market surging along with the soaring stock market, the sale easily exceeded its estimate of $125 million, with the Picassos alone accounting for $164 million. The previous record for the collection of a single private owner was the $123.4 million fetched in 1989 by Impressionist and modern art belonging to John Dorrance, the Campbell's Soup heir.

Mr Ganz's purchase of *Le Rêve* came at a turning point in his life. Within six months of buying the canvas, he got married and began psychoanalysis. When staying in Monte Carlo in 1948, the couple set out to meet the artist. They drove to nearby Golfe-Juan and befriended a local bookseller whose shop Picasso patronised. The next day they lay in wait at a café until they saw Picasso enter the store.

> ❛ It was a remarkable evening. What a tribute it was to Victor and Sally Ganz, to their extraordinary taste and extraordinary judgment ❜

They followed him inside and started a conversation by telling him how they had bought *Le Rêve*. The $48.2 million paid by an anonymous buyer for the painting at Christie's was the second-highest auction price for a Picasso, lagging only behind the $51.6 million paid at the height of the art boom in 1989 for *Pierrette's Wedding*. It was the fifth highest sum paid for a painting at auction.

The Ganzes took the biggest financial risk of their collecting career when they paid $212,500 for the 15 works in Picasso's series, *Women of Algiers*, painted in 1954 and 1955. Although taking after Delacroix, the series was in fact a sneaking homage to that lover of the courtesan or odalisque, Matisse, who had died just weeks earlier.

Mr Ganz realised that he might have spent too much for the series, and sold all but five works to dealers and museums for $138,000. Four of the five remaining canvases were sold at Christie's: the most important, version *O*, to Libby Howe, the London dealer, for $31.9 million.

The only artist Mr Ganz can claim to have actually discovered was the sculptor Eva Hesse, who died of brain cancer in 1970 at the age of 34.

The Ganzes were making their customary round of the New York galleries one Saturday in November 1968 when Mrs Ganz got tired feet and returned home after viewing a Francis Bacon show. Her husband went on to view Hesse's first show at the Fischbach Gallery and was entranced by her strange constructions of sheet metal, staples and rubber tubing. He ended up buying three of her works.

Hesse's *Unfinished, Untitled or Not Yet*, a 1966 sculptor of polyethylene, sand, paper and cotton string, fetched a record price at Christie's of $2.2 million. *Vinculum I* (1969) became the artist's second most expensive work when it sold for $1.2 million.

The only painting that did not sell was Rauschenberg's *Rigger* (1961) which failed to reach its estimate with a top bid of $2.4 million. "It was a remarkable evening," Christopher Burge, Christie's chairman, said. "What a tribute it was to Victor and Sally Ganz, to their extraordinary taste and extraordinary judgment."

As the buyers dispersed, the talk of the many in the art world was of Peter Max, the pop artist whose psychedelic work made its way onto T-shirts and coffee mugs in the 1960s. At a court hearing on Monday, Max pleaded guilty to avoiding taxes on more than $1 million in art sales by asking for cash payments or bartering his work for real estate. Max, 60, faces a minimum four months in jail.

☐ **Tax blow:** London's art and antiques trade, the second largest in the world after New York, has been hit by a 2.5 per cent value-added tax imposed by the European Union.

A report commissioned by the British Art Market Federation industry showed that artworks imports from outside the EU have fallen 40 per cent since 1994. The EU is considering doubling the tax in 1999.

Fears of Cuban nuclear leak ridiculed

From David Adams
in Miami

A PENTAGON plan to build a $3 million (£1.9 million) radiation detection facility in Florida to guard against nuclear leaks from Cuba is being ridiculed by experts.

Critics say the perceived danger — and the Pentagon's response — is the result of scaremongering by ill-informed Cuban-American politicians blinded by ideological opposition to the island's Communist leadership. "There's no threat whatsoever from the Cuban nuclear programme," said Jonathan Benjamin Alvarado, an expert on Cuba's nuclear industry at the University of Georgia. He described the early-warning facility as a "colossal waste of time and money".

In 1985 Cuba began work on the Juragua nuclear power plant, designed to house two Russian nuclear reactors. Located only 180 miles from the Florida Keys, its apparently flawed contruction aroused widespread fears in America. Building was suspended in 1992 after the collapse of the Soviet Union, but Cuba now wants to complete the project. Cuban exiles say the Juragua plant could cause another Chernobyl-like accident.

Brazilian gunmen grab cash on plane

From Gabriella Gamini
in Rio de Janeiro

ARMED robbers hijacked a twin-engined aircraft used to ferry banks' cash between remote northeastern towns in Brazil yesterday, escaping with $2 million (£1.2 million) after foiling airport guards.

The hooded gunmen drove a cross-country vehicle through a barbed-wire fence and onto the landing strip as the plane arrived at the small strip in Jacobina, a town producing sugarcane.

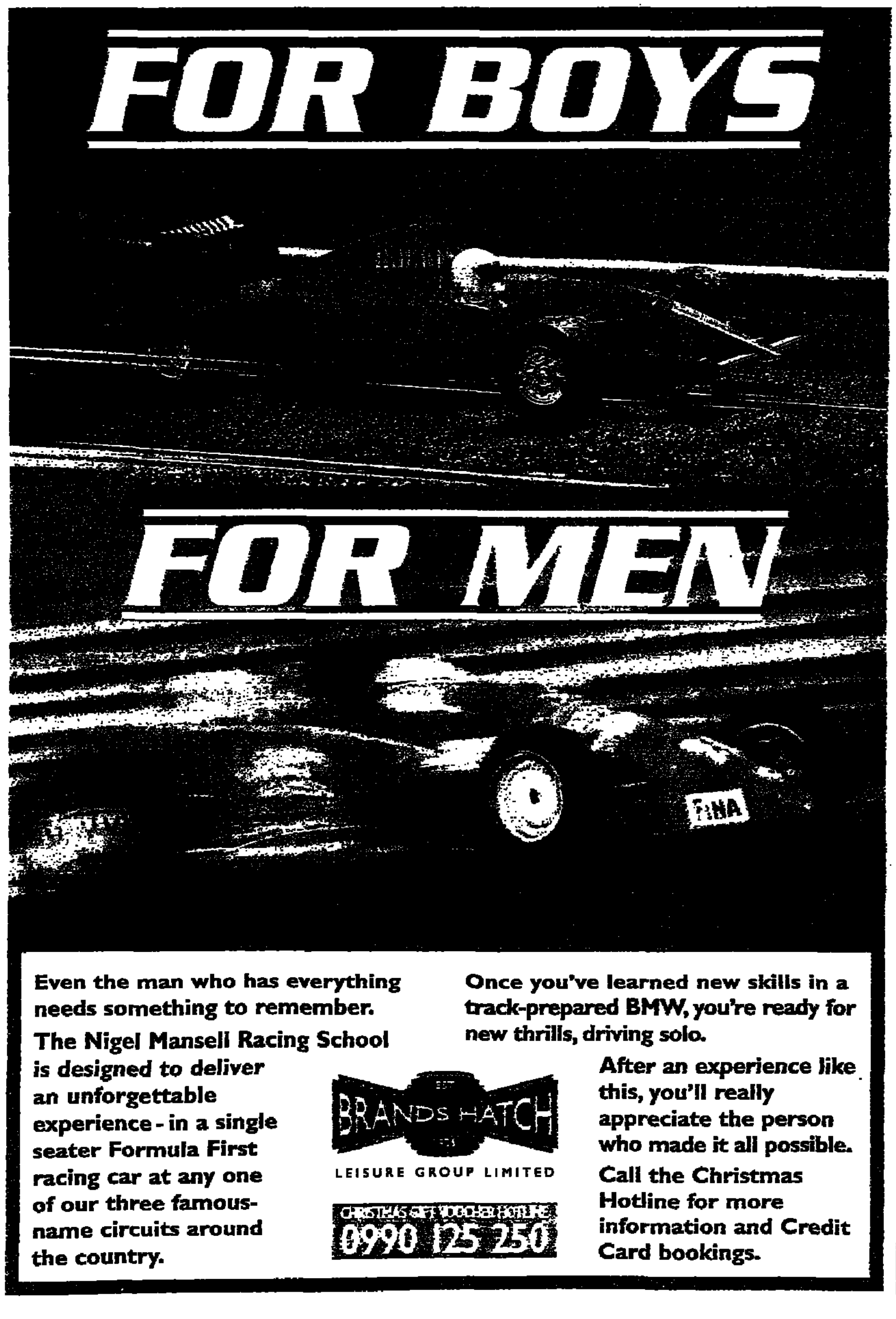
People on the airport terrace saw 12 robbers wielding machineguns fire into the air to force the plane to stop. The gang then boarded, made the pilot and five-man crew lie on the runway, and loaded the cash into their vehicle.

Security guards trying to stop the robbers found their weapons no match for the machineguns, two guards being seriously hurt in an exchange of fire.

The Aerostar aircraft had been on its weekly round to move cash between rural branches of the Banco do Brasil in Bahia state. It had set off from Salvador city and planned stopovers in Jacobina and Icere.

Unusually police were not on hand to provide an armed escort. The manager of the bank's Salvador branch admitted failing to alert the local force, but gave no reason.

Police believe the robbers may have been the same gang who last week stole $4 million (£2.4 million) from a plane at Congonhas airport in São Paulo, the financial capital.



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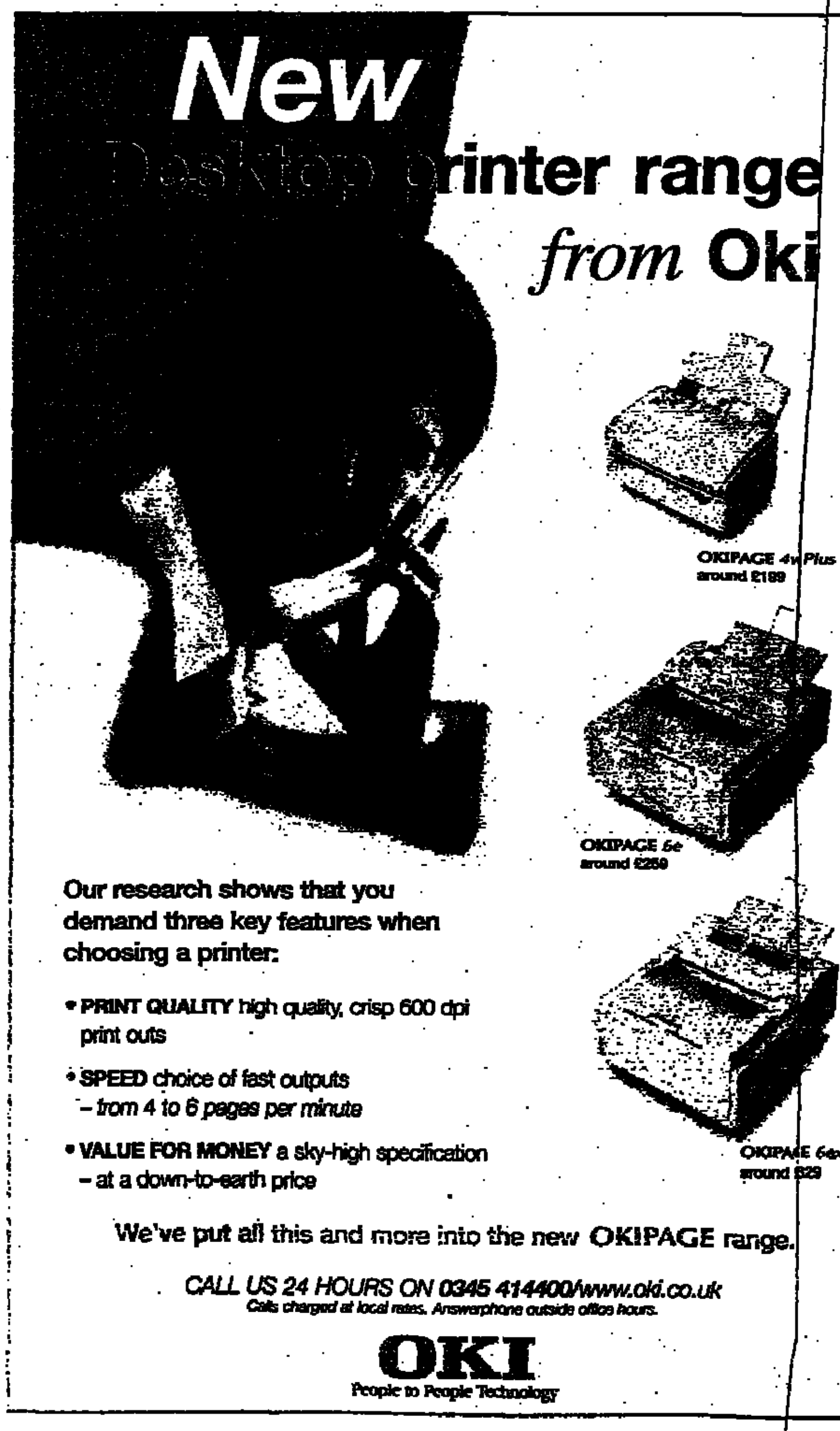

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Bus queue crash

A woman suffered head injuries and broken legs when a car driven by an elderly woman ploughed through a bus queue and crashed into a house at Frinton-on-Sea, Essex. Five others at the scene were treated for cuts. The driver suffered minor injuries.

Help for addicts

All prisoners wanting to kick their addictions to hard drugs should have a place on a special testing unit over the next few years, the Government said. A rolling programme will gradually increase the 4,000 existing places until demand is met.

CJD appeal

The Court of Appeal has reserved judgment in the case of the parents of a group of children who developed the human form of "mad cow" disease, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. They are challenging their exclusion from government compensation.

Reels net £26,000

A collection of fishing reels made by Hardy Brothers of Alnwick, Northumberland, sold for £26,000 at Sotheby's in Billingshurst, West Sussex, yesterday. They included a 1890s tournament reel which fetched £8,625, four times its estimated price.

Producer banned

Richard Pearson, 35, producer of BBC2's Top Gear motoring programme, has been banned from driving for three weeks and fined £600 with £35 costs by magistrates at King's Lynn, Norfolk, after admitting driving at 80mph on a 50mph limit on the A47.

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Taxmen in India to hunt down wealthy dodgers

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

INDIA'S tax dodgers — which means almost everybody with a salary — have just over a month to own up and claim an amnesty. After that, the taxman will launch an unprecedented invasion into the lives of the better-off.

No more than 5 per cent of salaried private employees declare taxable income. The tax band starts with incomes of about £50 a month, leaving the hard-up majority with nothing to fear from the impending assault. Nor do civil servants need to worry: they have long since succumbed to taxation.

People who own a telephone, house or car, or go abroad from time to time, are legally required to file tax returns on the assumption that they earn taxable incomes. But few do so, and until now there has been almost no fear of detection. Computers are changing all of that.

An advertising blitz on television, aimed at persuading people to come clean, has had a modest impact, so the tax authorities are about to get nasty. They have asked cellular telephone operators for the names of people with high monthly bills. Expensive clubs are being asked for the names of members; car finance companies are being told to provide the names of people with hefty loans; 25,000 co-operative housing associations have been asked to provide the names of property owners.

Official snoopers are retrieving records of airline passengers who regularly travel first-class. People with substantial credit card charges are being identified, and the state-run telephone company is providing details of customers who make frequent long-distance calls. Bombay international airport is revealing the names of frequent fliers.

The information will be stored in computers at 33 tax centres nationwide. It should — but doubtless will not — contain the names of politicians, most of whom are extremely rich but usually have no obvious source of substantial income.

The official salaries of politicians are generally too low to be liable for tax, but some MPs and members of state legislative assemblies live high lives from ill-gotten, untaxed money.

The amount of cash the Government can collect through income tax is limited, given that two thirds of all workers in India are engaged in agriculture and are not liable to tax.

Only 12 million Indians file tax returns and a mere 12,000 of them declare annual incomes of more than one million rupees (£17,200). There is obviously rampant under-assessment. The Government's voluntary income disclosure scheme, under which past sins are forgiven, expires on December 31. Then it will be open season on the rich. There are large numbers of wealthy Indians — some clubs have membership fees of more than £15,000; 600,000 people have mobile telephones; and anybody who owns a house in the decent areas of most big cities is rich.

Landlords will be a primary target. Most of them demand the bulk of their rent in cash, with a cheque to cover the official rent. Even Western embassies in Delhi succumb to this illegal practice, which could be embarrassing if the taxman finds out.

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Avishai Raviv, codenamed "Champagne", may have known of a plot to kill Rabin

Secret findings on Rabin killing fuel conspiracy theory

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

CONSPIRACY theories concerning the 1995 assassination of Yitzhak Rabin have re-emerged after the decision by the Israeli Government of Binyamin Netanyahu to publish secret excerpts from the state inquiry into the killing.

Israel television revealed that the passages, seen so far by only a handful of Israelis, show that an agent of Shin Bet, the equivalent of MI5, urged the killer, Yigal Amir, an extreme right-wing student, to carry out the shooting at the end of a Tel Aviv peace rally.

The passages will be published today as the Knesset holds a memorial session to mark the second anniversary by the Hebrew calendar of the fatal shooting, the first murder of an Israeli Prime Minister.

People who have read the text claim it raises crucial questions about the role of the 30-year-old agent, Avishai Raviv, codenamed "Champagne" by his paymasters, who were themselves ultimately responsible to Rabin himself. Mr Raviv, who was photographed yesterday in a Tel Aviv army gym, was an extreme right-wing activist recruited to infiltrate the Jewish Right. Some reports suggest that since Rabin's killing he has never been properly questioned and is being paid a salary of £1,725 a month.

Israel TV said the excerpts just released showed that Mr Raviv was a close friend of the assassin, a rightwinger who acted to sabotage the peace process with the Palestinians. The earlier unclassified findings showed Amir, now serving a life sentence, acted alone and was motivated by a burning desire to end Rabin's land-for-peace policies.

Last week Cabinet ministers were permitted to read the secret findings despite opposition from Shin Bet, which claimed they would prejudice national security. The television report said the classified references to "Champagne" raised questions about whether he knew in advance about the plan to shoot Rabin, and even whether he drove the killer to the fateful rally.

Row over 'snub' for Nazi gold meeting

London: Simon Wiesenthal, the veteran Nazi-hunter, has written to Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, to protest against the fact that his foundation has not been invited to the London conference on Nazi gold next month (Michael Binyon writes).

In a Jewish Spectrum Radio interview, to be broadcast today, Mr Wiesenthal accused the World Jewish Congress of trying to block his participation. But Lord Janner, the former Labour MP who is president of the world congress-affiliated European Jewish Congress, said that all those invited were members of the Jewish Restitution Organisation, to which the Simon Wiesenthal Centre did not belong.

The Foreign Office yesterday said that there were "many, many valuable organisations" which wanted to attend, but the Government could not invite them all. It had consulted the Board of Deputies of British Jews to ensure that it picked the non-governmental organisations with the best global coverage.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Algiers denies link to Paris bombings

Paris: France has called on Algeria to provide "transparent information" on the wave of bloodshed sweeping the North African country, as the Government in Algiers denied reports that its security forces have committed atrocities to blame the killings on Muslim rebels (Ben Macintyre writes). *The Observer* newspaper and *Le Monde*, the French daily, both published claims from separate unnamed Algerian security officials alleging that bomb attacks in Paris in 1995 were the work of the Algerian secret service intent on turning French public opinion against Islamic extremists. The French Government expressed "serious reservations" about the claims and an Algerian government spokesman dismissed them as "fanciful".

Czechs march against racism

Prague: An anti-racist rally in the Czech Republic's capital last Monday has sparked a wave of similar demonstrations, with other cities joining in to protest at the weekend murder of Hussan Elamin Abdelradi, a 24-year-old Sudanese student (Emma McClune writes). So far about 10,000 citizens of Prague, Hradec Kralove, Liberec and Olomouc have demonstrated for better awareness, and more marches are expected this week. Two skinheads have been held over the student's stabbing.

Black activist sued for $165m

New York: A lawsuit against the Rev Al Sharpton, left, the black civil rights activist, comes to court tomorrow ten years after he accused six white men of raping a black teenager, Tawana Brawley. One of the six, Steven Pagones, has brought a $165 million (£100 million) claim against Mr Sharpton and his advisers. Accusations in the case, which became one of the most racially charged seen in New York, were declared a hoax by a grand jury in 1988. *(Reuters)*

Yemen seeks British links

London: President Saleh of Yemen told Tony Blair and Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, that Yemen wanted a relationship with Britain as strong as Lebanon had with France (Michael Binyon writes). He said Yemen, which was told at the Commonwealth summit in Edinburgh that its application for membership would be considered, wanted to boost trade, political relations and links with Britain.

Radioactive gems warning

Bangkok: Hundreds of dangerously radioactive gemstones are circulating in Asian markets and some have found their way into finished jewellery, Bangkok gemmologists say. Tests by radiologists on semi-precious "cat's eye" stones — irradiated to change a yellow colour to a more valued chocolate hue — showed some radiation levels were more than 50 times the US safety limit and could cause health problems, including cancer. *(Reuters)*

Flush with filthy lucre

Villagracia de Arosa: A Galician plumber surprised the tenants of a six-storey building in this village near Pontevedra, northwest Spain, by flushing 10 million pesetas — about £41,420 — from their clogged lavatory drain. The torn 5,000 and 10,000 notes were genuine, and police have begun inquiries. *(AP)*

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Do these ads demean men?

Women are used to being portrayed as sex objects in advertisements. But now it is the turn of men. And they don't like it at all. **Bill Frost** reports

Typecast for decades by the advertising industry, women have long harboured a legitimate grievance against those who present them as either bimbos or housewives.

"This advertisement degrades women" stickers pasted over sexist hoardings and mountains of mail received by the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) since the late Sixties have done little or nothing to alter the prevailing culture. The ASA has kept no tally of complaints, but letters highlighting the innate sexism in the industry regularly make up the bulk of the postbag.

But times are changing. Men are now up for exploitation in national advertising campaigns. Storylines featuring the ritual humiliation of man at the hands of woman are becoming commonplace in campaigns aimed at selling everything from cars to clothes. Unsurprisingly, few males relish the role and "girl power" is being exploited by the industry to demean men, the ASA said yesterday.

Sales figures for products marketed on the male degradation ticket indicate that the strategy is working — so much so that women will favour the product advertised in such a way over others promoted on more traditional lines.

Lee, the jeans manufacturer, has mounted one of the most provocative campaigns this year, with nationwide hoardings showing a naked man pinned to the ground by a jeans' clad female leg terminating in a stiletto heel. The visual message is clearly underscored by a copyline reading: "Put the boot in."

A series of magazine advertisements for Wallis, the clothes chain, shows men about to be killed because they are staring at women. In one, a model is about to have his throat cut because his barber is distracted by a pretty girl.

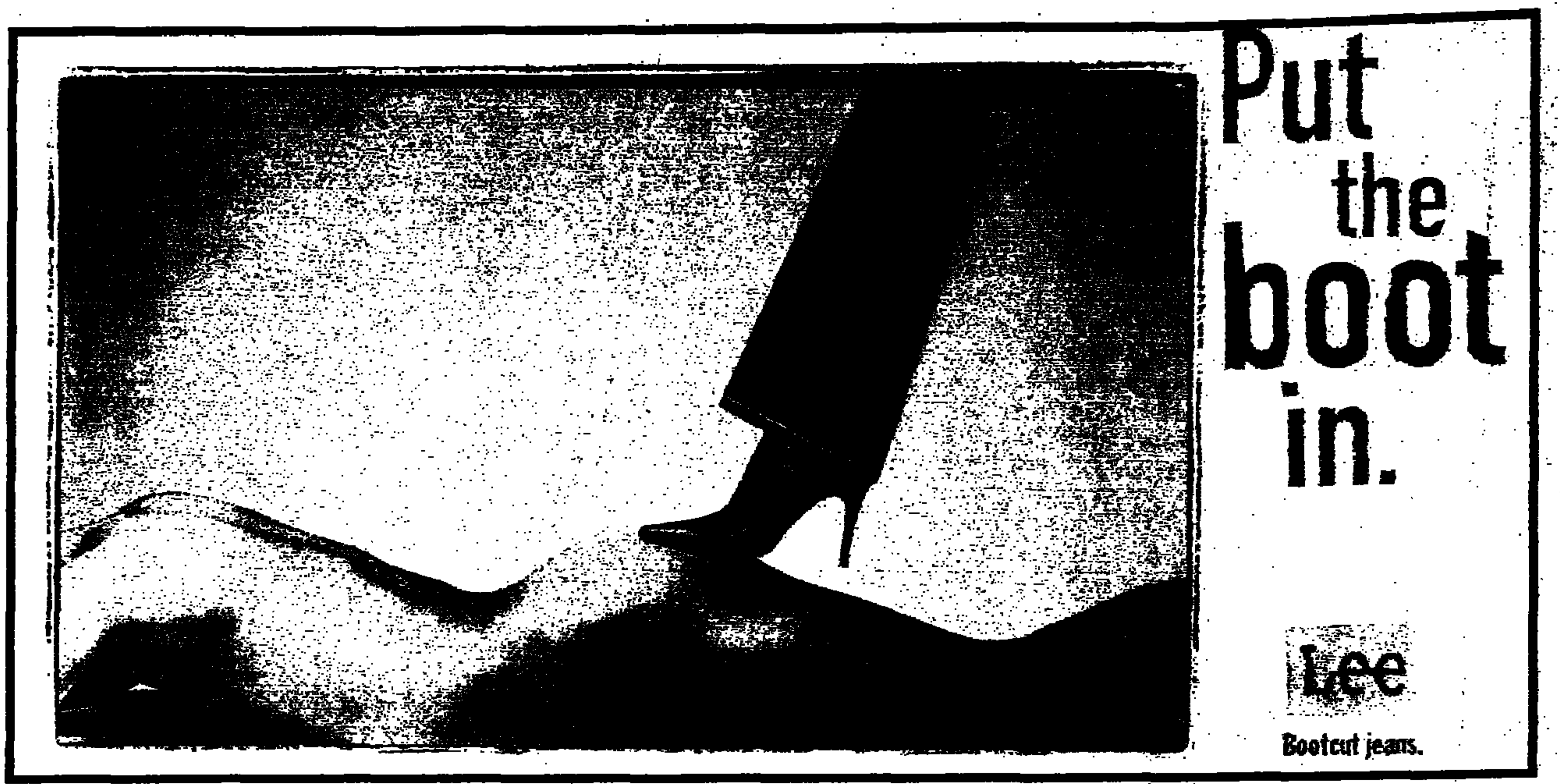
These adverts have angered men's and women's groups alike, who condemn them as vicious. "The Lee ad in particular seems incredibly spiteful and nasty," the National Council of Women, an apolitical pressure group, says. "It is a vicious image that puts a gloss on the serious problem of girl gangs and girl violence. Such advertisements fuel the stereotype of women as manipulative and spiteful," Tobe Aleksander, the organisation's vice-president, says.

> 'The first rule is get yourself noticed'

Kay Truelove, of the Grey agency, one of the copywriters responsible for the Lee campaign, says: "I worked with a male colleague on this campaign for a male client who saw that the ad had been done in good humour.

"But there is a realisation behind this trend that women's roles have changed. We get married later, we achieve more at work and generally have more opportunities. There is a lot of disposable income at stake here."

Unsurprisingly, Lee is unrepentant, too. "The ad is a strong image with a self-evident sense of humour," a spokesman said. "'Put the boot in' refers to the fact that the ad is for jeans designed to be worn with boots."


Put the boot in.
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Bootcut jeans.

Ads from the Lee, Wallis and Impulse campaigns, showing men in humiliating situations. The Advertising Standards Authority says it has received large numbers of complaints about them

The Wallis chain, whose "Dress to Kill" campaign also features a Tube train guard about to be decapitated as he stares at a blonde model walking down the platform, described critics as "over-sensitive". Such images were never to be taken literally. Fiona Davis, the company's marketing director, said. "We researched them very carefully and our target market sees them as humorous. The objective is to stand out, not to shock — but when anything is distinctive one expects it to be a little controversial."

Nissan, the carmaker, also courted controversy with its campaign to boost sales of the Micra. A poster showed a half-naked man doubled up in pain with his hands over his genitals. The caption reads: "Ask before you borrow it."

Aimed at young women, who make up 70 per cent of the car's buyers, the posters have been described in complaints to the ASA as offensive, violent and sexist. Not so, says Nissan and its ad agency TBWA Simons Palmer. "People are sophisticated enough to realise that this is advertising hyperbole. Even men we researched it with saw the wit and humour of its comments on the nature of relationships," Philip Holliday, group account director, says.

As images of passive or humiliated males proliferate, politicians are being drawn into the controversy. A TV commercial promoting the perfume, Impulse, which showed an artist's model becoming aroused under the amused gaze of a woman student, drew sackloads of criticism here but passed without comment abroad, where a far more explicit cut was shown. Many men found the ad distasteful even though the model's arousal was carefully disguised. Their distress was caused by his humiliation and embarrassment in front of a class of female art students.

Dr Adrian Rogers, chairman of the Conservative Family Campaign, saw nothing humorous in the commercial. "Ads such as this are in very bad taste and lead to cultural degeneration," he said.

Nicholas Winterton, Tory MP for Macclesfield, was horrified, too. "Young children are going to see this and they will be shocked. The fact that they [the perfume makers] have used a naked model, and worse, that it is a male model and he is getting an erection, tells us much about the product. I find it very smutty."

But Elida Gibbs, the maker of Impulse, defended the £6.5 million campaign. A spokeswoman said: "Women's attitudes have changed over the past 20 years: they are not naive any more."

But the more candid advertising insiders admit that the phenomenon is not so much a symptom of female liberation, more the latest shock gambit adopted by an industry which thrives on attention.

Jeff Suthons is the copywriter responsible for last year's notorious campaign to sell men's underwear with the copyline The Loin King. The ads, showing well endowed young men in their smalls, were, in his terms, a triumph.

"Sure, it was shock tactics, but the ads were meant to be fun," he says. "The first rule in this business is the same as the last — 'get yourself noticed, no matter what it takes'."

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Two crimes, only one line to take

A WOMAN in Louise Woodward's home town of Elton, Cheshire, was beaten up for refusing to wear a yellow ribbon. All along, there has been only one permissible line to take: Louise is innocent, and to be unconvinced of that is to be guilty of a vicious crime oneself. Equally, there is only one line on the two boys who killed James Bulger: they are evil, and anyone who suggests otherwise is no less evil.

The Home Secretary, Jack Straw, is to set new jail terms for these children, overturning the minimum sentence of 15 years imposed by his predecessor. He has given no sign that he will treat them with any less severity — once the new period has been set, he will review the sentence at the halfway stage to consider whether it should be altered.

All the same, he is denounced left, right and centre as an apologist for child murderers. For Louise we demanded clemency: for the boys who killed James Bulger we demand no mercy.

In both cases there is one reality: a child's death. And while we instinctively shrink more from the brutal killing of a child by his peers than at the accidental death of one at the hands of an incompetent carer, there is something disconcerting about this. Both cases are upsetting. Reading closely the details of the injuries inflicted on eight-month-old Matthew makes one realise that it cannot be swept away as unfortunate rough handling. The full picture disturbs in the same way as did that fuzzy security camera video of James being led away by the boys who would later kill him.

I have no desire to go in for the sort of distortion by sentimentality that fogged our depiction of the Woodward trial, but it hardly redeems the sanctification of the accused in the one case to go in for rabid demonisation in the other. Can we think that those (then) 10-year-old boys injured James with intent to kill, in the full knowledge of what that would mean? We might feel there was malicious intent: this was a vicious act, ten-year-olds know what they are doing. But this does not mean they must be treated like hardened criminals. A child cannot be held responsible for his actions in the way that an adult can — and must be punished differently.

We have now to look at what we can do for these children. We cannot bring back James Bulger, but it does not disparage his death to try to make his killers understand what they have done and to recover from it. I don't say only leniency is desirable — retribution is a necessary part of sentencing — but the bloodlust displayed by a public anxious to exonerate in one instance and to condemn in another can play no part in any respectable decision.

Sex appeal and Barbie

YOU might think it strange that Mattel, the maker of Barbie, is suing the Danish pop group Aqua for sexualising the doll in their song *Barbie Girl*. As everyone knows, the thing about Barbie is her disproportionately large (and pointy) bosom, her curvy shape and pouting face. She has the sort of sex appeal that little girls cannot resist — and I speak as one who has a shrine to Barbie (complete with wallpaper and lampshade) in the house and *Barbie Girl* on a continual loop in the cassette player. But Mattel is right in one respect: the other striking thing about Barbie is that — painted-on, come-hither gaze and breasts notwithstanding — she is about as unsexual as a doll can get, which may explain why she is such a temptation to small girls and gay men.

Stunted, at least intellectually

I HOLD no particular brief against Demi Moore, but the mere idea of having to sit through her latest film, *GI Jane*, would not fill me with joy. Girl joins army, beats the big boys at their own game — please, leave me alone to languish on my chaise longue rather than have to witness that.

And it's not just the fiction contained within the film that fails to interest me: it is the meat of the publicity about the film. Demi Moore did all those one-armed press-ups herself, for real, no stunt people: so what?

What is the appeal of forcing oneself to test one's physical endurance? It's a game for dimwits, a sign of our anti-intellectual age. This is no sexist stance: men who drone on about their fitness, gym routine and physical prowess are just as ridiculous.

After all, I don't imagine the late Isaiah Berlin ever felt it necessary to impress everyone with the length of time he spent on the exercise bike.

It's almost too late to learn Yiddish

THERE is nothing more at the whim of market forces than language. Assemble as many Académies Françaises or their equivalents as you like, call all the committees possible to foster the speaking of Welsh or Breton, and it will make no difference. People will speak the language that serves them best.

Which makes it all the more sad to hear that Yiddish is dying out as its elderly speakers pass away and young Jews, assimilated into their new countries, find they have no need to speak it. This month saw the last edition of the Israeli Yiddish monthly *Israel Stimme*, and although the New York *Forward* is still going, its Yiddish edition makes up only a quarter of the sales.

As I read of the language's fading, I resolved again to learn it: as a German speaker, how difficult can it be to learn that language's creole? But as they say: "*Kimm ich nicht hunt, kimm ich morgan.*" Whatever that means.

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Harriet Harman with husband Jack Dromey, of the TGWU

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David Mills and his wife, Tessa Jowell (right). His former association with Formula One led to cries of conflict of interest

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Tony Blair and Cherie Booth: she may face sacrifices

Marriage and the dispatch box

Solid, supportive and always in the wrong. **Mary Ann Sieghart** on the trials of political union

Before we got married, I came to one unshakeable understanding with my husband. The only ground for divorce, we agreed, would be if the other decided to become an MP. Neither of us would have minded being a politician. What we could not bear was to be a politician's spouse.

So my heart went out to Tessa Jowell and her husband, David Mills, this week. As the Minister for Public Health, she had to defend the exemption of Formula One from the ban on tobacco sponsorship of sport. Then it transpired that he had been a non-executive director of the Benetton motor racing team. The cry went up: "Conflict of interest!"

Anyone who knows Ms Jowell would realise that this could not have happened to a straighter person. As soon as she was appointed, her husband declared all his business interests to her Permanent Secretary. Because there was, at that time, no guidance for ministerial spouses, Ms Jowell wrote to the Cabinet Secretary asking for help. Mr Mills, meanwhile, gave up any directorships that were likely to come into conflict with his wife's new job.

The irony is that Ms Jowell was pressing for a policy that went against her husband's business interests — and it was Downing Street that overruled her. Unfortunately she is not allowed to admit this, as it would make the Government look divided. She insists that she completely agrees with Tony Blair's U-turn — with a self-denying steadfastness for which she will be rewarded, presumably before she reaches Heaven.

But what hell it must be for Mr Mills. After all, husbands are not used to making sacrifices for their wives' careers; although they often expect the reverse. He is unusually supportive. "I feel very proud of her," he said when I spoke to him over the summer. "I would recommend any husband to be married to a successful woman provided, like Tessa, she had her priorities right."

It is when priorities clash, however, that politicians have problems. And it is in the nature of things that these clashes are likely to hit women more than men. Ms Jowell's two children are used to their mother working — "I don't think the children feel undermothered for one second," says Mr Mills. But the demands of being a politician — and particularly a minister — are so great that something generally has to give.

In Ms Jowell's case it is sleep. Like a more famous female politician before her, she gets up long before dawn to wade through her red boxes of ministerial work before the rest of the household wakes up. And Mr Mills is also a very active father: "I've always done a lot for the children and happily so." As a senior partner in a firm of solicitors, he can organise his life to suit the family, taking time off during half-terms and holidays.

But even Cabinet ministers, if they are women, are usually expected to be in charge of the home. They may be able to afford to pay someone else to do the housework, but running a household and a family still requires command of endless domestic minutiae.

And while most employers these days are reasonably sympathetic about parents taking time off for a nativity play or a sick child, Westminster is miles behind the times. There is an assumption in politics that nothing takes precedence over the work, even serious illness — terminally ill MPs have been brought in on trolleys to vote.

Traditionally, politicians' wives have accepted that, once their husbands are in power, they have to take up the slack. But it is harder for men to accept the supremacy of politics when their wives are ministers. I recall talking to Jack Dromey, national secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, years ago about being married to Harriet Harman. He is, in general, very supportive of her. But, he said: "I see what women have had to put up with for hundreds of years, being defined through the person to whom they're married." I asked him then to imagine Harriet as a Cabinet minister. Would he be the one to race home if a child were sick? No, he could not countenance that.

With increasing numbers of two-career parents in the House of Commons, these tensions will undoubtedly build. It is not just that there are more women MPs: the men, too, are more likely to have working wives.

And some wives who have stellar careers are now taking a dim view of being expected to give them up for their husbands' jobs. Cherie Booth has blazed a trail — continuing at the Bar, acting both on behalf of and against the Crown, while her husband is Prime Minister. But even she may have to make sacrifices. It would be hard for her to sit as a judge when she needs to take time off to accompany Mr Blair on state occasions. Besides, there are still three children's lives to organise more or less single-handed.

Alice Perkins manages to combine her job as Deputy Director of Spending at the Treasury with being the wife of the Home Secretary, Jack Straw, and mother of their two children. She avoids Home Office matters, and did so even when Mr Straw was in Opposition. Like David Mills, he is an active father, and even chairs the governors of his children's school.

Conflicts of interest can be avoided, then, provided both that the spouses are flexible and the ministers' bosses are understanding. With hindsight, it might have been more sensible had Frank Dobson exempted Ms Jowell from taking decisions on Formula One, even though her husband had extricated himself from Benetton.

But conflicts of priorities are a different matter. Can politics really justify its unyielding insistence on disrupting family life? Its hours and practices were designed for workaholic men with wives at home. No wonder so many talented people these days resist the lure of Westminster.

Until the world of politics recognises that MPs are human beings, too, with partners who have lives of their own and children who need to see their parents, it will attract only those who have either superhuman sleeping patterns or unusually self-sacrificing spouses. And both, alas, are all too rare.

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Of churches and Coronation Street

The footprints of Christianity can still be found all over modern Britain, says **Libby Purves**

IN AN age of self-conscious newness, it is good to be perverse. Just as the Government gets into its spooky rebranding of Britain as a young country, the serendipitous miracle of Radio 4 scheduling means that for the next six Wednesday evenings I turn up to lob an unsanitised bucketful of history over it: the kind that you can never quite get rid of.

Mysterious Ways, starting tonight (Radio 4, 7.20pm) is a genuine oddity. Halfway between history and news, unconnected with the religious department, it traces the footprints left on secular Britain by 1,000 years of Christianity.

Not just physical footprints: 28,487 parish churches and a pride of cathedrals are the least of it. The team dug out eminences and mavericks, historians and holinesses, two cardinals, the Archbishop of Canterbury and Tony Benn. We unravelled legacies beyond our wildest hopes: weird, unexpected strands of continuity over ten centuries emerged in politics, law, arts, science, education, sex, literature, music.

We found Bishop Odo killing with a blunt mace in the 11th century because bishops may not shed blood, and Bishop Winnington Ingram in 1915 urging soldiers to kill good Germans as well as bad. We drew direct lines from medieval church carvings to Vera Duckworth of *Coronation street*, from Charles Wesley to Britpop. We acknowledged the Christian gift to sanitation, literacy, station architecture, P.D. James and P.G. Wodehouse, and the harm Christianity sometimes did to science, social justice and sexuality. We saw it operate here as social cement, there as social gelignite. I decided that the British disease of romantic nostalgia, all the way to John Major's bicycling old maids, can be laid at the door of the Reformation: when landscape, loyalties and rituals were rudely kicked to pieces, and the nation never got over it.

We reviewed a host of clergymen: bone idle and corrupt, holy and visionary, plotters and knaves, and saints and doughty pragmatists such as the Rev Charles Kingsley, who rode the lanes with stone bottles of antiseptic mouthwash on his saddle, forcing parishioners to gargle.

FINALLY, just as we had carved the vast, unwieldy programmes into shape, the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, proved three of our points before our very eyes. First, that pre-Reformation instincts for devotion never actually went away; secondly, that huge emotions still require huge cathedrals; and thirdly, that the things we do in them — down to thumping a rock piano and loudly applauding an angry earl — are always up for change. We saw how the power of the past can surge back any time and knock the present off its feet.

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On the fast track to depravity

Simon Barnes finds serious flaws in Formula One racing

How many forms of depravity can you name, in the sport of Formula One motor-racing? I'll tell you some of those that I know, some I suspect — and those I miss you'll surely pardon.

There are plenty of them. In fact, looking at Formula One today, we have a bravura display of sleight of hand. More than that: a glorious buffet supper of money corrupting, and big money corrupting absolutely. Help yourself, and don't hold back, because there's plenty more where that lot came from.

To start with, we have straightforward cheating. This occurred when Michael Schumacher attempted to drive Jacques Villeneuve off the track, in order to win the world championship for himself. In some ways, this is the most venial of all the sins presented to us on the buffet table. True, the manoeuvre may not have been lethal or premeditated — and killing your opponent is not acceptable even in Formula One — but it was dangerous and a straightforward case of breaking the rules: and you get that in every sport, at every level.

The complication arises when we recall that Schumacher's 1997 case was frighteningly similar to what happened in 1994, when many people believe that Schumacher drove Damon Hill off the track and won the world championship — and got away with it. The message is clear: if there are no official complaints sporting administration will sit on its hands and do nothing. Not surprisingly it will be seen as weak and expedient.

The next dish of depravity is less dangerous physically, but goes to the heart of the sport and is far more destructive of it. This is the collusion between racing teams to sideline a challenger or work together against a rival Formula One team. There are those who suspect the McLaren and the Williams teams of ganging up against Ferrari and would cite what looked like the After-You-Claude finish of the same race. While Villeneuve may not be the kind of driver to let someone else win, the evidence of the Williams tapes needs some explaining. Whatever the case there are countless other examples of holding back or boxing in for reasons best known to those who manage the racing teams themselves.

It is the sort of thing that goes on all the time in Formula One: at least, that is the way the gossip goes. A Formula One insider must always strive to be more conspiracy-theorist than thou. The intriguing thing, this time, is that we have the tapes which have provoked what should be some probing questions.

And that, inevitably, has set the conspiracy theorists theorising harder than ever. Who gave the tapes to *The Times*? And why? Who were they intending to discredit? Well, we know who they succeeded in discrediting: absolutely everybody, themselves included. The entire sport: nothing less.

Then comes the depravity of judgment, in yesterday's absurd almost non-punishing sentence on Schumacher. The sport fought shy of a ban: their man will be on telly for the first race next season. That is what counts. A more self-serving judgment could hardly be imagined.

However, the *pièce de resistance* at this buffet of nonsense is the Labour Party which, filled with all the new-broom enthusiasm of the freshly appointed soccer boss, promised to outlaw tobacco sponsorship of sport.

But it made an exception for Formula One. This is rather like banning prostitutes, but making an exception for female ones. Alas, it was then revealed that the Labour Party had been given a small pre-election gift — by their own admission as much as £1 million — by, er, Bernie Ecclestone, of Formula One.

It is hard to say what is more unpleasant. Is it the fact, brought into new and sharper focus by the latest revelations, that Formula One motor racing is prepared to take money from those wanting to persuade people to consume an addictive and lethal drug that is also dangerous to innocent bystanders? Or is it that governments should be beyond reproach and yet in this case seem to have made an exception to the rule because it had received large dollops of cash from the very organisation it was about to damage with a full-scale advertising ban?

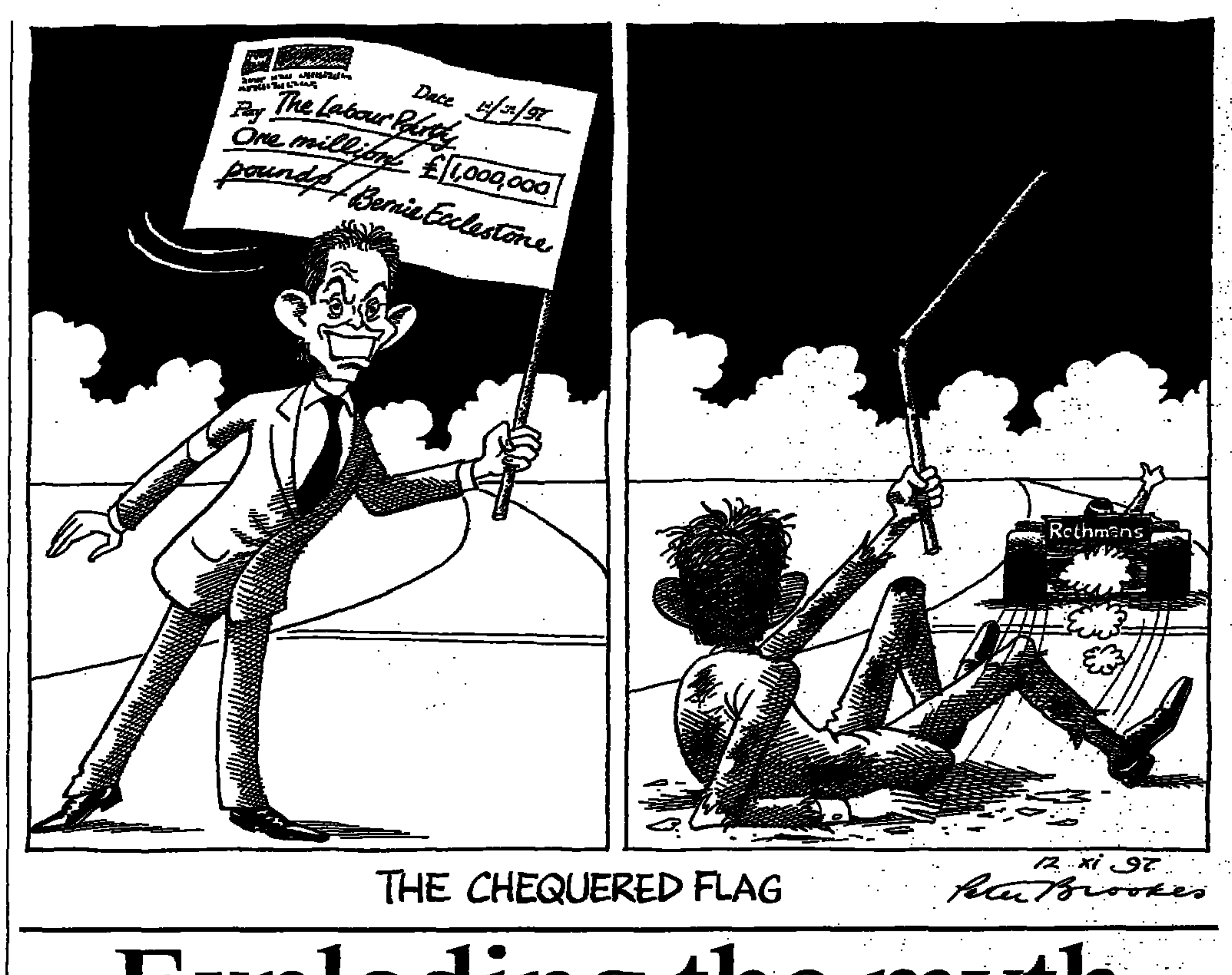
I wonder how many children actually take up smoking because of the drug's almost symbiotic association with the glamour of Formula One? Quite a lot, I imagine — why else would the tobacco industry bother? I am reminded, as last week, of the great Tom Lehrer, and this time of his song *The Old Dope Peddler*. "He gives the kids free samples/ Because he knows full well/ That today's young innocent faces/ Will be tomorrow's . . . clientele."

Many of these dishes of nonsense or depravity are based on one of the curious and little-acknowledged facts of Formula One. Blocking, colluding, deliberate crashing, saying "after-you" — all these take place, because Formula One motor-racing takes place on tracks where sometimes it seems all but impossible to race motors.

There is a serious design flaw: it is almost impossible for one car to overtake another. Lacking the very first and crucial element of racing, Formula One falls back on its pitstop strategies and its conspiracies. It's great soap opera, but sport it ain't.

Schumacher broke the rules. Williams and McLaren look too cosy by half. The Labour Party has driven straight up its own exhaust pipe. Formula One is discredited in every possible fashion. And in being so, it simply goes from strength to strength.

Formula One has still got 'em all hooked, and the scandals do not hinder it: quite the reverse. The audience grows and grows: and what else matters? To them, I mean? Pass us another gasper, old boy. My little lad's got mine.



THE CHEQUERED FLAG

Exploding the myth

It is time the West stopped fooling itself that bombs destroy dictators

Simon Jenkins

I cannot believe Tony Blair means to support Bill Clinton in resuming the punitive bombing of Iraq. This week British and American forces are said to be selecting targets for such strikes, unless Saddam Hussein withdraws his opposition to American UN inspectors. It beggars belief that Labour's prophets of "moralism" can see bombing as a sensible way out of this impasse. Yet so it seems. British aircrews may themselves carry out the bombing.

Both Mr Blair and his Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook, are seasoned supporters of aerial bombardment. They jerked to attention as Tomahawks rained down on Baghdad in September of last year, when Mr Clinton was under pressure from Bob Dole for being weak on foreign policy. Mr Cook claimed that the missiles would "protect the Kurdish safe havens" — despite the CIA having just abandoned these havens to Saddam's Kurdish allies. When the bombs proved ineffective, the then Prime Minister, John Major, said they were "not as successful as one might have wished", and won Labour backing in support for more bombing.

What are now dubbed "CNN" raids are indefensible. They kill real people. They do little military or economic damage, but at a huge cost. Their principal boost is to the standing of American Presidents back home, and to Saddam himself. Saddam precipitated the present crisis to win precisely this outcome. The United Nations weapons inspection of Iraq is a charade, and was revealed as such by the 1995 defection of members of Saddam's family to Jordan. The inspection is chiefly a display of UN hyperactivity, but one that enables Iraq to play cat and mouse with the West. Saddam can reassert his leadership of the anti-American/Zionist crusade and convince his citizens that they should stick to him for defence. He is the great survivor. He is the Arab who faces down the might of Uncle Sam. He only needs an occasional Tomahawk.

In 1991, 1993, 1996 and now in 1997, America has been happy to oblige. This week television networks screened the customary publicity footage showing cruise missiles as clean, precision weapons. The sight of them being unwrapped on the deck of a carrier is supposed to send dictators quaking into submission. So says the instruction booklet. That is what Foreign Ministers, or at least British ones, like to believe.

The Gulf War showed, to those who still needed showing, that cruise missiles may be Space Age technology but are Dark Ages war. Tomahawks are hardly more accurate than Germany's V1 and V2 rockets in the Second World War. A bomb that misses by 100ft, as did most bombs that fell on Baghdad in 1990-91, more than fails. Depending on its cargo, it fragments, blasts, fries or dismembers its victims. What is obscene is that it does so supposedly to stop Iraq making bombs that use poisons.

Aerial bombardment enrages populations and strengthens those who purport to defend them. The six months of bombing of Iraq by American and Allied planes in 1990 utterly failed to achieve its goal, which was to "bring Saddam to his knees" without need for a land invasion. Such was the cry of airmen from Bomber Harris to the hawks of the Ho Chi Minh Trail. All air forces claim they can "bomb" the enemy to the negotiating table or the Dark Ages, according to taste. Such empty arrogance is piously believed by politicians eager to be seen as active, yet terrified of committing ground troops to battle.

Iraq's leadership has now joined the lucky group of regimes propped up, apparently without limit, by the crassness of Western diplomacy. The economic sanctions in place against Iraq are as ineffective as the bombing. They hit the poor hardest and the rulers not at all. Far from inducing the former to rise up against the latter, they enable rulers to assert ever fiercer authority. The need for rationing and import-substitution justifies emergency measures that centralise and entrench power. Sanctions warriors love to claim that sanctions are "working", when they are merely "biting".

Any fool can impoverish a country. Sanctions against Iraq were alleged to "work in two years", according to General Colin Powell. They never have and they never do. Yet they are more effective in sustaining dictatorship than any other tool of foreign policy. Sanctions prolonged apartheid in South Africa ten years beyond its normal life. The world's oldest rulers are those who have enjoyed the boon of Western sanctions: Fidel Castro, Colonel Gaddafi, Assad of Syria, Iran's ayatollahs, Milosevic, now Saddam Hussein. All were mice that roared at Uncle Sam. All were rewarded with the Oscar of "most hated regime", and an indefinite hold on power.

The one intelligent act of United Nations power in the Middle East was to withdraw ground forces after driving the Iraqis out of Kuwait. Yet America could not leave well alone.

Why postwar diplomacy's chief gift to the "long march of folly" should be sanctions and punitive bombing is a mystery. Both are known to be counterproductive. They impede trade and thus the liberalisation of political economies. The sanctions against Iraq have been grotesquely anti-humanitarian. They have been awesomely hypocritical. Why is Iraq's misbehaviour towards internal dissidents singled out for savage intervention, and not that of Syria or Israel, both of whom have committed acts of actual aggression against their neighbours?

Yet if economic sanctions are a cowardly proxy for war, bombing is a cruel one. The bombing raid is random corporal punishment. It makes a noise and looks good on television. The sight of jets screaming off the decks of carriers into the sunset, of a missile curving beautifully towards its target, of a pilot shouting "target hit", all sends a primitive thrill through a politician, as if recalling the old thrill of war. A bomb teaches 'em a lesson, makes a bang, plays well back home. It may not kill villains but at least blood is spilt. When a bomb carries UN markings it is also blessed, cleansed and morally armed. The statesman becomes an enforcer for world peace. This moral blindness extends to the media. As a BBC documentary showed last Saturday, the press tends to censor what happens when a bomb lands, as if it would spoil the effect.

If this psychology is understandable, less so is its appeal to British Governments. Support for American adventurism, right or wrong, was not always unconditional. When in 1983 President Reagan invaded Grenada, mistakenly bombing to bits the mental hospital and its inmates, Margaret Thatcher was outraged. She told her friend that, no matter how bad the Grenadian regime, this was an unjustified infringement of Grenadian sovereignty. (America later bombed the centre of Panama City, killing hundreds, in an effort to arrest General Noriega.)

The Major Government was less independent-minded. It supported George Bush and Mr Clinton in Iraqi raids blatantly timed for domestic consumption. When the Conservative Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, supported Mr Clinton's raid last year, Labour cheered him on, despite every other Nato ally distancing itself from what was widely seen as an electioneering stunt. Now Mr Blair and Mr Cook appear ready to support another such adventure, to "send Saddam a message" — a message he eagerly wants to hear.

This is not a moral foreign policy. For seven years sanctions and bombing have been tried and failed. If Britain wants a proper Iraqi "policy", it should seek an end to sanctions, flood the country with trade, help to pluralise its institutions and offer scholarships to Iraqis at British universities. In other words, the policy should be the opposite of one that clearly does not work. Such a "contact strategy" would not only be humanitarian, it would almost certainly hasten the day when Saddam Hussein is toppled by enemies better able to garner local support.

Meanwhile, we are back to the boy in the bomber. He is probably the most primitive weapon known to human conflict. Yet he is apparently the chosen delivery system of Labour's "moral" foreign policy to the Middle East. Nothing changes.

Alan Coren

■ The strange case of a combustible comestible from California

Never look a gift horse in the mouth. Look it in the bowels. In the bowels is where the Greeks lurk, waiting to debouch and sack.

A free pudding arrived this morning. I did not immediately know it was a free pudding, I did not know it was any kind of pudding, I knew only that the doorbell had trilled, and that I had signed for a small yet heavy cardboard cube which I carried into the kitchen, put on the table, and looked at. I now knew it had come from the United States, because it had 32 Elvis Presley stamps covering the whole of one flank; which in itself was arresting, since, set out as they were in painstaking phalanx, the effect the Elvises collectively created was of a small, silkscreened Warhol. The person who stuck these down, ran my first thought, is no ordinary person. I lifted the box again, turned it, and now saw that it carried a US Customs declaration, identifying it as "gifted comestible bakery for personal consumption, value not more than $10".

Knowing me as you do, you will be unsurprised to learn that I spent the next minute or so wondering just how gifted this comestible bakery might be: given the limitless ingenuity of Americans, the box could well contain, say, a dozen tap-dancing bagels, or an angel cake with a PhD in quantum mechanics, or a fondant fancy which, when its glacé cherry was poked, did an impression of Groucho Marx reciting the Gettysburg Address — remote offchances, I grant you, especially for less than ten bucks, but, then again, the box bore a California postmark, so nothing was impossible.

It was time either to chuck it in a bucket of water and run, or open it. Not the easiest of choices — a gifted West Coast comestible carried by 32 obsessively arranged Elvises gives off a sharp psychopathic whiff — but I am not young, it has been a full life, my affairs are in order, and the daily was using the bucket, so I removed the wrapping paper, and prised open the lid.

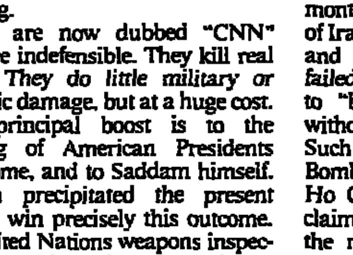
Nothing went bang. Inside, there was a lot of bubble-wrap, and inside that there was a lot of tinfoil, and inside that there was something not, indeed, unlike a bomb: the sort of bomb you find in animated cartoons, round, black, shiny, and with a curly thing poking out of the top; in this instance holly. It smelt of brandy. It was a Christmas pudding.

It had a card for me. The card had holly on it, too, and robins, and silver bells, and a dark brown stain indicating that a long, boring flight in such tantalising proximity to booze had got the better of the card. A pity, because when I plucked the card out to discover who my distant benefactor was, all I discovered was that his/her writing had been illegibilised by the pudding's stain. Worst of all, there was no way of telling whether the card had ever carried a name or address. I say worst of all not because it meant that I could not write to thank my benefactor, it meant that, if he/she had withheld the name or address, how could I be sure that the pudding had not been sent by a distant malefactor?

There are a lot of very peculiar characters over there, mooching the Pacific shoreline and jabbering to themselves; they follow strange gods, they imbibe strange substances, they do strange things, often serially. In a culture whose legally appointed guardians once sent exploding cigars to Fidel Castro, who could with any confidence say that some unofficial crackpot, some lunatic sect, had not decided to express its contempt for Christmas by filling the mails with poisoned puddings?

I know six people in California. I phoned them all, even though I had not seen them in 20 years, and asked. I have little doubt that all six subsequently hung up thanking their lucky stars that, however wacky California might be, it wasn't as wacky as England. What do I do now? I do not want to bin what might be a delicious treat from someone who loves me, but nor do I want, on Christmas Day, to walk into my dining room with a flaming item designed to snuff the lot of us out.

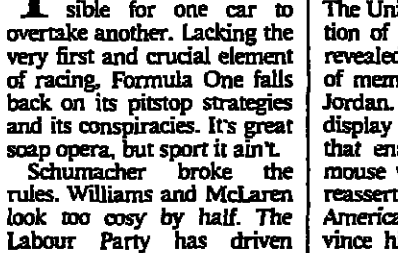
Have I, that is, been sent a Trojan pudding? When dotty old Ezra Pound foresaw "new Troys that tumble, sizzling", was he perhaps thinking of Cricklewood? With crazy Americans, you can never be sure.



Hats off

HOW ungallant. And cowardly. Cuddly Ann Widdecombe, who so delicately destroyed Michael Howard's political career, was to record a books programme with Roy Hattersley today. But when the former deputy Labour leader heard that the erstwhile Prisons Minister was about to park her tank on his lawn, he threatened to flounce out. He now earns an ample crust with the pen and had been invited to appear on *Booktalk*, presented by Sir Robin Day, a Saturday evening show on the BBC's disastrous News 24. The subject: Hattersley's new book — *Fifty Years On: A prejudiced history of Britain since the war.*

Unfortunately for Miss W, who was to dissect the book, she is one of his prejudices. When Hatters heard, he phoned producers threatening not to appear "if she is coming on". At the last minute, Widdecombe — who gave up her weekend to read the waffly tome — was told that she was not welcome. The producers, feebly, caved in. "Mr Hattersley was not madly keen to appear with Ann Widdecombe," says an irritable BBC type. "He says he didn't want it to turn into a political debate, which was awkward for us because we like Ann." As do I.



No friends: Hatters, Widdecombe

Howard's way

LUXURIATING in the title of Shadow Foreign Secretary appears not to be enough to satisfy Howard's intellect, or, perhaps, his monetary ambitions. He is, I hear, considering a rather more lucrative sideline to trawling through the Amsterdam treaty by accepting two plum City jobs.

He will see the benefit of his tenure at the DTI, where he steered through radical deregulation in the City. The former QC's grasp of the financial services industry has not been forgotten by top City firms.

Howard's wife, a former model named Sandra, is excited by the prospect of the new jobs. Howard is now reduced to a backbencher's wage and is loath to return to the Bar, so could do with a cash boost. His parties in Chelsea are good but probably expensive.

Howard had made a million before entering Parliament, but as Home Secretary had little chance to make real money. It is unusual for Shadows to accept alternative income. Still, Labour is hardly in a position to make hay . . .

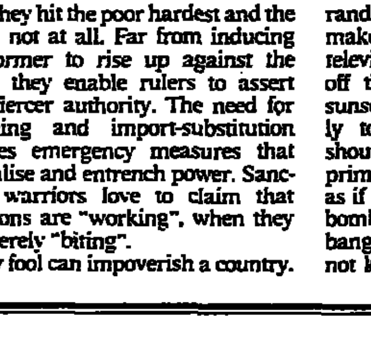
● *BARROWBOY humour still flourishes in the City. With Labour's motor racing scandal in mind, traders have a new name for a million pounds: a Bernie.*

Has bean

COFFEE is the latest victim of Clare Short's political correctness. She is to force MPs to drink "humanely produced" coffee, in a rather watery attempt to revive her once proud "moral" commitment to Third World parts.

From today, the House canteen will stop serving coffee that does not contain Tiki Caffé. And with 2,500 cups served daily at the Commons, that is a lot of right-on beans. Not all MPs are thirsting for the stuff. "It is unhelpful for the Government to enter into gimmicks rather than a substantive foreign policy," thunders one Gary Streeter, Shadow Foreign Affairs spokesman. "I am happy to drink my coffee wherever it comes from."

● *HOPEFUL cutting pinned up in the new study of the Labour MP Stephen Pound: "Blair rattled by Pound's strength."*



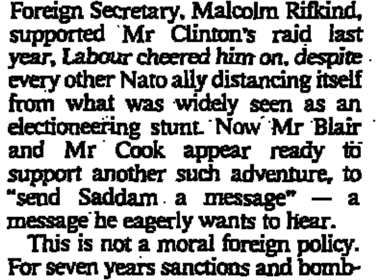
"One good U-turn deserves another"

Syked up

HE MAY be unloved by the CBI, but William Hague has acquired himself a new, and unexpected, business friend: Paul Sykes, a fellow Yorkshireman, and more importantly, a millionaire. It was Sykes who supported Eurosceptic Tories at the election before transferring his money, er, to support the Referendum Movement.

At an otherwise dreary business conference in Harrogate last week, Hague spotted the moneyed Europhobe in the audience. A private meeting was promptly arranged. Promises of an ever firmer line on EMU to bring him back on board? Sykes isn't saying. "Mr Sykes will not be talking about this until a week on Wednesday," says one of his bean counters. The Tory party bank manager awaits . . .

● *AFTER forks, legs. Uri Geller, who acquired a name of sorts in the Seventies for bending cutlery, has been lending his unique skills to Ruth Steward, an amateur marathon runner, to improve her strides. The Israeli psychic first laid his hands on the League Against Cruel Sports campaigner last April, when she was preparing for the annual race in London. She covered the 26 miles in a commendable four hours and ten minutes. With Geller's help, Steward went better earlier this month in New York, finishing in three hours and 54 minutes. "He put his hands on my legs," quivered the runner. "He has enormous energy in his hands and transferred it to me. Everyone has the energy to change their lives. All you need is to tap into it." Just so.*



Hands on: Ruth Steward

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A PRICE ON POLITICS

There are no easy answers to party funding

The Labour Party spent most of yesterday engaged in damage limitation. The substantial political contribution received from Bernie Ecclestone has become a serious embarrassment. The Formula One chief had originally denied any financial relationship with the party. *The Times* then revealed that he had paid first the Tories and then New Labour. The size of his bequest was initially minimised by party sources — at more than £5000. Yesterday *The Times* assessed it at £1.5 million. We are now told that the sum was £1 million. A final and formal figure of has not yet been given. It was certainly an extremely significant sum.

The first reaction of many in the Labour Party has been to blame the system rather than their own scruples. David Blunkett expressed his view, sincerely held no doubt, that public life would be more pleasant and much cleaner if the taxpayer rather than affluent individuals, corporations, or trade unions paid for the political process. He also accepted that this ambition was unlikely to be realised. Others hope that Sir Patrick Neill's committee will recommend state funding and prove their salvation. Downing Street has suggested that the Ecclestone affair has discredited the status quo. If only paying for politics was so simple.

For over a century there has been state subsidy for political parties. Election literature is delivered free. Television time is reserved at no cost. Since the 1970s the Leader of the Opposition has received a sum — "Short money" — to cover in part the expense of his or her parliamentary offices. Apart from that, the consistent principle has been that public benefaction should be in the form of in-kind contributions. The notion of awarding lump sums to support pure partisan campaigning has been alien.

There is much that is wrong with state funding in principle. But the practical problems are no less troublesome. Should parties be permitted to receive revenue only from the taxpayer? If so, what would be their incentive to seek a mass membership? Power might then move back towards the activists, an effect precisely the opposite of what Mr Blair has achieved with his party.

If the politicians were permitted to raise bounty from other sources then it is unclear how the introduction of state funding would help stop problems such as those from Mr Ecclestone. Who should decide how much each party received and upon what formula? Should controls be placed on how the leadership dispensed of their largesse? The complications are intense and endless.

This issue could be addressed from a different direction. There is convincing evidence that the financial support now offered to the Leader of the Opposition is inadequate. That shortfall has led to the quest for extra cash and the need for wealthy sympathisers. Neil Kinnock found himself in Robert Maxwell's debt to his discomfort. Mr Blair's attempt to avoid such links through a blind trust has also failed to win support. It would be in the public interest to provide a larger parliamentary allowance.

Any wider addition to state support would be contentious. The taxpayer may well not want to finance election campaigns as well as live through them. It might be more effective to oblige parties to offer full and extremely prompt disclosure of major donors and the size of their donation. If Mr Ecclestone's generous gift had been a matter of record, it is doubtful whether this unfortunate affair would have proceeded in the same manner.

As the Prime Minister must realise,an open approach is far better than smoke-filled rooms in Downing Street. It now falls to Sir Patrick Neill to construct a practical system of party finance that also commands credibility. It is unlikely that state funding in itself will prove a satisfactory solution.

FAST TRACK FAILURE

An enfeebled President must rescue his free trade agenda

If it looks like a duck, talks like a duck, and walks like a duck then it is a duck. If it hobbles horrendously then it is a lame duck. A mere 12 months after his triumphant re-election, President Clinton's authority at home has been severely shaken. His failure to persuade Congress that he should be awarded "fast track" authority for future trade negotiations will have implications that extend well beyond this important issue itself. After this loss, his ability even to initiate domestic issues of substance rather than symbolism appears doubtful.

Despite intense personal lobbying, Mr Clinton was obliged to ask the House of Representatives to withdraw his own request, for renewed powers on trade questions. That was humiliating in itself. The source of the President's discomfort was not the Republican Party, his opponents, who command a majority in both the Senate and House of Representatives. Three quarters of Republicans were poised to assent. Mr Clinton was instead abandoned by his own Democratic party.

That nearly four fifths of Democrats decided to support the protectionist position preferred by the American trade union movement to that of their own President is extraordinary. The Democratic Party under Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman and John Kennedy was a fundamental force for free trade in the postwar era. That commitment was central to stable democracy and economic prosperity in those decades. It has also been an important element in the current strength of the American economy. This is a shameful turn of events.

An ambitious set of prospective trade agreements has been placed in peril. The swift expansion of the North American Free Trade Agreement to include Chile — a logical move — seems now unlikely. The plan for a free trade arrangement encompassing the Americas has been endangered. A similar enterprise for the Asia-Pacific Economic Community is threatened. Some of these propositions resembled regional blocs rather than genuine global free trade. Although American interests will be damaged, their demise would not be so unfortunate from an outside perspective.

A much more powerful impact will be felt in agriculture. The World Trade Organisation had been scheduled to start new talks in 1999 on radically reducing farm subsidies. If the American Administration is not fully involved these discussions will make minimal progress. That means the European Union's common agricultural policy will continue to resist meaningful reform. Many of the world's poor will remain needlessly hungry. A political defeat for Mr Clinton will be a personal disaster for others.

The President must pick up the pieces of his policy. There has been brave talk about this legislation returning and passing. That is possible but problematic. If Democrats in Congress were unwilling to resist blackmail from trade unions 12 months ahead of the mid-term elections they are unlikely to become more independent as the polls approach. There might be another opportunity in the first few months of 1999 — but only if the Republicans make a significant advance and if Vice-President Gore commits himself to the cause. It would be unwise to operate on the assumption that both conditions can be satisfied.

The President should now work within the structure of the World Trade Organisation. This is the only arena — and the best one — for advancing a free trade agenda. His decision to ask for a mandate not linked to a specific trade treaty probably enhanced congressional opposition. He needs to present concrete proposals in future. The danger is that Mr Clinton will be inclined to abandon the field of battle. That would be a mistake felt long after his presidency.

CULTURE AT A PRICE

Minimum 'voluntary' donations could save museums

In an ideal world, all public museums might be free. But the world, as Labour has quickly discovered, is far from ideal. A party that suggested only four months ago that free access to the nation's great museums and galleries should be preserved is regretting its extravagance. Now the talk is of the need to raise money from other sources.

Before the laments begin, however, it is worth revisiting the basic principles. Museums should be free because they serve a public good (that of widening people's cultural horizons) and are already funded by the taxpayer. Yet the same could be said of public transport: it serves the public good by reducing pollution and congestion, and it wins money from the Treasury. Yet still passengers are expected to pay.

Public transport offers few concessions to the poor. But a flexible system of museum charging could be better than free access in meeting Labour's concerns about fairness. A report published yesterday by the Museums and Galleries Commission (MGC) found that the so-called "ABC1s" were 15 times more likely than the average citizen to have visited a museum or gallery within the past year. So, in the free museums, the average taxpayer is subsidising the affluent.

The fear is that charges would deter people from visiting museums at all. The evidence, however, is not conclusive. Yesterday's report found that, while attendance at some galleries had dropped after charges were introduced, in others it had risen, mainly because the museums paid more attention to satisfying their paying guests.

Any system of charging has to be flexible if the poor are not to be excluded from the nation's culture. Free entry can be offered to the unemployed, to pensioners and to children. Charging institutions can open for free on Sundays or in the late afternoons. Season tickets can be available so that people are not deterred from making repeat visits.

Perhaps the best option is to solicit a minimum "voluntary" donation, which can be waived for those who genuinely cannot afford it. This finds support from 71 per cent of adults questioned by the MGC. Moral suasion is seen to be more civilised than compulsion, and fits better with the ethos of the museums themselves.

In these times, museums badly need money. Even if they win lottery funding, they have to match the amounts from the private sector. With thousands of applicants chasing the same corporate donors, the business pool is drying up. Far better to take small sums from a large number of visitors — the very people who enjoy the museum in the first place.

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Tory divide and the quest for a leading role in Europe

From Mr Bruce Anderson

Sir, When Matthew Parris made his maiden speech as an MP he referred to the lyre of Orpheus. He has been playing it ever since, and his column of November 7, "A siesta at High Noon", was characteristically mellifluous and seductive. But there were flaws in the argument.

He began by comparing Europe now and Rhodesia in 1979. In those days Tory backbenchers made trouble for the leadership over Rhodesia, just as they do now over Europe — argued Matthew — but Margaret Thatcher responded more wisely than William Hague has. She refused to be drawn into a debate on principles, and in a few months the party's temperature returned to normal.

But Europe is not Rhodesia. Though abandoning Rhodesia should have cost Britain more in self-esteem than was actually lost, it did not affect the way we were governed. Europe does.

Matthew recommends that the Tory party should simply go to sleep for two years; it would then re-awake calm and clear-sighted. But while there is everything to be said against hyperactive Oppositions, some questions are so fundamental that they have to be resolved. John Major did his uttermost to take Matthew's advice, with the "wait and see" stance on the single currency. It did not work then; it could not work now.

There is only one way that Mr Hague could lead his party effectively: on a basis of moderate Euroscepticism and committed anti-federalism. If that means parting from some Tory MPs who would rather lose the next election than safeguard the pound, it is better to do so now than in the first few days of a general election campaign.

If the Tory party went to sleep for two years, it would not wake up refreshed. It would wake up to a renewed nightmare.

Yours faithfully,
BRUCE ANDERSON,
c/o *The Spectator*,
56 Doughty Street, WC1.
November 10.

From Mrs Virginia Bottomley, MP for South West Surrey (Conservative)

Sir, In tomorrow's Commons debate on the Amsterdam treaty the Conservative Party will be correct to vote against the Government. It would be intellectually honest for government Members to join us.

On October 27 the Chancellor explained to the House the economic tests "that define whether a clear and unambiguous case can be made" to join a single currency. The same tests can and should be applied directly to the social chapter and linked Labour proposals.

The national interest will be harmed by each anti-competitive measure, particularly the minimum wage, imposed works councils, positive discrimination, working-time regulations, transfer of undertakings regulations and changing the onus of proof in industrial legislation.

Professor Patrick Minford of the University of Liverpool recently calculated that the reduction to the GDP of the United Kingdom, if the social chapter as further developed were fully implemented here, could be as much as 20 per cent. Is the Government's true intention to give us disadvantages chosen by others?

There could be no greater damage to the competitive advantages that the UK now enjoys in attracting investment than to impose the regulations and central controls of the social chapter that the rest of the world seeks to avoid by investing in the UK.

Financial services are among the most liberated and market-orientated sectors of the UK economy. We have long led Europe and the world. The responsive and innovative characteristics of this industry would be damaged by imposition of inappropriate labour regulations restraining the long and unusual hours, the hard work and the international mobility which are central to its success.

A senior member of the Government, the Deputy Prime Minister, confessed candidly in 1992 that the minimum wage must lead to reducing or not taking on staff. Employers' costs will be driven up and there will be disincentives to continue the present levels of part-time employment, welcomed by many with family responsibilities.

The new Government's approach fails the Chancellor's five economic tests. The Conservative Party is right to oppose it. To follow its own logic, the Government ought to do so too.

Yours faithfully,
VIRGINIA BOTTOMLEY (Member, Foreign Affairs Select Committee),
House of Commons.
November 11.

From Mr Adrian Cosker

Sir, Anatole Kaletsky ("Love Europe, but loathe the euro", November 4) argues that, contrary to the current partisan terms of debate about EMU, it should be possible to be both a Europhile *and* an EMU-sceptic.

This argument could be taken a stage further, for if EMU, as seems perfectly possible, is mishandled in the same sort of way as monetary union in Germany was botched, and creates, as happened in East Germany, areas of massive unemployment and economic dereliction, then the results for the European Union could be disastrous.

Tensions and animosity between the "winning" and "losing" countries would be ripe for exploitation by nationalist politicians trying to stoke up anti-European sentiment, undoing the progress of the last 40 years.

True Europhiles in fact *ought* to be EMU-sceptics.

Yours etc,
ADRIAN COSKER
(Head of Economics),
The Knights Templar School,
Park Street,
Baldock, Hertfordshire.
November 4.

From Lord Alport

Sir, Having been a dedicated Commonwealth man for all my active political life, I realise that Great Britain's role is now to be a major power in Europe. It is a role which, our having lost an empire, can enable us to exert an influence on the world's stage with honour to our country and benefit, not only to our neighbours in Europe, but to the nations of the five continents.

"Splendid isolation", which appealed to so many people in the early years of this century, is simply now an illusion, as it proved to be then. That is the policy of the Tory Eurosceptics and their sympathisers in other parties.

Without Britain in Europe our continent would be dominated by Germany. It is now time to put aside the prejudices of some narrow nationalism and regain for our country a role in Europe and thus in the world, different from but perhaps no less important than the one we achieved during the two centuries of Empire and Commonwealth.

I am your obedient servant,
ALPORT,
The Cross House,
Layer-de-la-Haye,
Colchester, Essex.
November 7.

From Mr John Howlett

Sir, I much enjoyed Matthew Parris's article of November 7, but cannot accept his advice to "Go to bed. Get some sleep". The poor chap obviously finds the sound of adults arguing loudly rather alarming and wants to pull the covers over his head.

Politics is about the collision of ideas and opinions, not their avoidance. We have been getting too much sleep, not too little.

As Sir James Goldsmith graphically put it, we have been sleepwalking into Europe. If we go back to sleep again we will wake up to find ourselves imprisoned in Chancellor Kohl's megastate, with no prospect of release.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN HOWLETT,
3 West Street,
Isleham, Ely, Cambridgeshire.
November 7.

New lottery game and charity funds

From the Chief Executive of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust and others

Sir, As representatives of some of the UK's principal charities we strongly urge the Government not to take precipitate action against Pronto!, a new, computerised lottery scheduled to be launched on November 27 (report, November 6). This new fundraising mechanism could raise up to £100 million per year for charities — approximately half the amount donated to the voluntary sector by UK corporations, excluding Camelot.

The Home Office has consistently declared, during recent months, that it intended to consult all interested parties on the issues raised by the introduction of "online" lotteries into public houses. Today on Radio 4 George Howarth, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Home Office, confirmed that he was no longer minded to consult and that an announcement will be made shortly.

Any move to halt Pronto! would represent a serious setback for charities which are already suffering from a 20 per cent fall in charitable giving, in real terms, since the introduction of the National Lottery. A consultation process would afford charitable organisations the opportunity to air their desperate need for new sources of revenue, particularly in the wake of the sharp decline in scratchcard sales which have to compete with the National Lottery's "Instants" product.

We therefore urge the Government to stand by its original commitment.

Yours faithfully,
ROSIE BARNES,
Chief Executive, Cystic Fibrosis Trust,
RICHARD BATEY,
Appeals Director, The Rainbow Trust,
BERT MASSIE,
Director, Radar,
SIAN MEXSOM,
Appeals Manager, Counsel and Care,
DEBORAH OXLEY,
Executive Director, Children in Crisis,
DAVID SCOTT-RALPHS,
Director of Fundraising, Mencap.
Cystic Fibrosis Trust,
11 London Road, Bromley, Kent.
November 11.

From Miss Claire Ward, MP for Watford (Labour)

Sir, Assertions that charities will be "deprived of up to £100 million per year" (report, November 6) if, as I hope, the Government bans the introduction of rapid-draw lottery games, are disingenuous.

Lord Mancroft's Pronto! game is a lottery for prizes of allegedly up to £100,000 conducted at ten-minute intervals in pubs. It is exactly the sort of game — based on the American Keno — which has alarmed social workers and others concerned with problems of addictive gambling in the US and Canada.

Given that only 20 per cent at best of the proposed game's take is likely to go to charities — Camelot's National Lottery (based in my constituency) pays out twice as much to good causes and in tax — it would be necessary for Pronto! to generate an annual turnover of £500 million (which is now more than the total football pools sales in a year) to deliver £100 million for charities.

The social cost of linking alcohol, drinking and gambling would far outweigh the alleged benefits, and I am looking forward to the Home Secretary's announcement that Keno, Pronto!, or similar rapid-draw games (no matter which organisation promotes them) will not ever be permitted in Britain.

Yours faithfully,
CLAIRE M. WARD,
House of Commons.
November 7.

Woodward verdict

From Dr Mary Selby

Sir, Thank you to Libby Purves for writing the sanest piece I have seen on the Louise Woodward case ("Soap opera justice", November 11). I understand that Louise is currently being offered money for her "story" by some newspapers. But isn't there a code of practice preventing convicted criminals from doing just that? My understanding of the US judicial system is that she is still convicted, albeit on a lesser charge.

As for the vilification in some quarters of the press of the bereaved parents — let anyone who has never left their child in the care of someone else, even for a moment, condemn them, and let the rest shut up.

Yours sincerely,
MARY SELBY,
Hall Green Cottage,
Great Wratting, Haverhill, Suffolk.
November 11.

From Mr Peter Inglis

Sir, As someone involved in child protection work for many years, I feel that if the British people are sincere in their wish for justice they should focus on the real issue. A child, totally dependent on adults for his care, died as a result of injuries he could not possibly have inflicted on himself.

Yours faithfully,
PETER INGLIS,
Pinch Cottage,
Newgale, Pembrokeshire.
November 11.

Missed target

From Mr David T. Bradley

Sir, The photograph accompanying your report "Police discover Russian tanks in Liverpool" (November 7) in fact shows Second World War vehicles of US manufacture.

The vehicles nearest the camera are M-18 Hellcat tank destroyers. Others in the photo appear to be M-36 destroyers and possibly at least one M-4 Sherman tank.

The only connection these vehicles have with the Russian T-55 is that in the course of their service with the Yugoslav Army many had their original US engines replaced with those from T-55s.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID BRADLEY,
20 South Drive, Brentwood, Essex.
November 7.

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Opera funding

From Professor Sir Alan Peacock

Sir, Ten years ago you commissioned me to write an article ("Pruning the Garden", March 14, 1987) on the problems of financing Covent Garden. I suggested in it that an artistic enterprise which benefits the well-off in the most affluent part of the United Kingdom could hardly expect privileged treatment in the allocation of public funds and that it should rely on its own considerable efforts to seek private funding.

I expected that this suggestion might initiate a sensible discussion about an important public issue. I was wrong, however. Clearly those of us from the lesser breeds outwith the metropolis had no business to question the inalienable right of the "national" companies to the top slice of government cultural funding. The English regions were expected to be content with the crumbs from the rich man's cake.

It is therefore all to the credit of the Secretary of State for Culture that he has brought the matter of the future funding of opera to a head (letters, November 6 and 8). It has to be demonstrated beyond doubt that public funding of opera represents a more efficient and effective use of money allocated to the arts than alternative uses. But this requires a more detailed statement of policy aims than that so far pronounced by Mr Smith.

If it is really believed that nonoperagoers benefit from the international prestige of a company producing largely foreign operas with a modicum of British artistic input, then perhaps Mr Smith should be seeking a bite from the Foreign Office vote, using the BBC Overseas Service as a precedent.

Yours sincerely,
ALAN PEACOCK
(Chairman, Scottish Arts Council, and member, Arts Council of Great Britain, 1986-92),
146/4 Whitehouse Loan,
Edinburgh.
November 10.

Animal testing

From Dr Gill Langley

Sir, While the new ban on testing cosmetic products on animals (report, November 7) may save only 250 animals a year, other aspects of the Government's announcement will have a very significant impact on animal suffering.

In particular, there will be changes in the methods of producing monoclonal antibodies. These antibodies are widely used in medical diagnosis, research and testing. Their production causes pain and distress to thousands of mice, rats and rabbits who are used as living test-tubes. In future these animal procedures will be replaced by real test-tubes containing cell cultures, and up to 20,000 animals a year will be saved from painful experimentation.

It is because organisations such as the Dr Hadwen Trust have worked for many years to help develop alternatives to animal experiments that so many animals lives have already been saved. With the Government's announcement, the future for laboratory animals is beginning to look rosier.

Yours sincerely,
GILL LANGLEY
(Scientific adviser),
Dr Hadwen Trust for
Humane Research,
22 Bancroft, Hitchin, Hertfordshire.
November 7.

School library service

From the Chairman of the School Library Association

Sir, School library services are provided by 86 per cent of local education authorities in England and Wales. They supply invaluable and cost-effective book loans to schools, supporting the full breadth of educational aspiration as well as statutory curriculum requirements. Through qualified library staff schools have access to tailored expertise and advice in support of their own school library establishment.

Mrs P. A. Miller (letter, November 4) is rightly concerned about the proposed closure of 30 public libraries in Oxfordshire. In addition, the school library service of that authority closed at the end of March this year.

Public libraries do a superb job and are ever eager to assist, but they cannot serve the particular needs of children in schools with anything like the quality of provision of the specialist library sector. However, it now appears that in parts of Oxfordshire schools are to be denied even that provision which they have had to fall back on following the earlier closure.

Yours faithfully,
CHRIS BROWN, Chairman,
The School Library Association,
Liden Library, Barrington Close,
Liden, Swindon, Wiltshire.
November 5.

Truth and half-truth

From Mr Negley Boyd Harte

Sir, I see in your Diary today you describe my brother Glynn Boyd Harte as a "Scottish watercolourist". There are a number of nouns that could describe him and watercolourist is certainly one of them; but of the many adjectives that could be applied, Scottish is not one. He, like me, is a Lancastrian in heavy metropolitan disguise. It is true we have a Scottish great-grandmother, but that is surely not enough.

I write to correct this point while Glynn is in France for half-term. I am still at my desk in the history department at University College London trying to deal with all your readers agitated about Joseph Crabtree studies (report, October 27; letter, November 3) which does not enable me to get away for reading week.

Yours faithfully,
N. B. HARTE
(Secretary),
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November 3.

Scientific spin

From Mr Patrick Green

Sir, You report (November 7) that spinning black holes (or other matter) can distort time and space.

Is this a coincidence of scientific and political discovery?

I remain, Sir, yours,
PATRICK GREEN,
2 Harcourt Buildings, Temple, EC4.
November 10.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 11: His Excellency Mr Rahardjo Jamtomo was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador from the Republic of Indonesia to the Court of St James's.

Mrs Darusiswani Rahardjo was also received by Her Majesty.

Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present.

Admiral Sir John Brigstocke was received by The Queen upon his appointment as Second Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command.

The Very Reverend the Dean of Westminster was received by Her Majesty.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon visited Shell Centre, Waterloo, London SE1, to mark the centenary of the "Shell" Transport and Trading Company and were received by the Chairman (Mr Mark Moody-Stuart) and the Mayor of Lambeth (Councillor Nicholas Cattermole).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness toured the centenary exhibition and met employees and other guests.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh held an Evening Reception at Buckingham Palace for the *Diplomatic Corps* at which The Prince of Wales, The Princess Royal, accompanied by Captain *Timothy* Laurence RN, and The Duke of Kent were present.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President, this afternoon attended a Luncheon to launch the National Playing Fields Association Millennium Appeal at St James's Palace.

Mrs Christian Adams has succeeded Lady Dugdale as Lady in *Waiting to The Queen.*

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 11: The Duke of York this morning met members of the Submarine Old Comrades Association at the Civic Centre, Renwick Road, Blyth, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Northumberland (the Viscount Ridley KG).

His Royal Highness afterwards visited Blyth Spartans Football Club, Croft Park, Plessey Road, Blyth.

The Duke of York later opened St Oswald's Hospice Day Centre, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, and was received by Colonel Hugh Brown (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Tyne and Wear).

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited the Opportunities for People with Disabilities Centre, MEA House, Newcastle upon Tyne.

The Duke of York afterwards visited the Neighbourhood Energy Action Project, Newcastle upon Tyne.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 11: The Princess Royal, President, Animal Health Trust, today chaired an Industry Committee Meeting, opened the Centre for Equine Studies, opened the Harris Library and chaired the Annual General Meeting of the Council of Management at Lanwades Hall, Kennett, near Newmarket, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Suffolk (the Lord Belstead).

CLARENCE HOUSE
November 11: Lieutenant Colonel David Tasker today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, The King's Regiment, upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer of the 5th/8th Battalion.

Lieutenant Colonel David Richardson also had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon assuming his appointment as Commanding Officer of the 5th/8th Battalion The King's Regiment.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this afternoon at a performance of "Beauty and the Beast" at the Dominion Theatre given in aid of the Entertainment Artistes' Benevolent Fund.

Mrs Michael Gordon-Lennox and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 11: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, today visited *the county and was received by* Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Cornwall (the Lady Mary Holborow).

His Royal Highness this morning opened the new Trelawny wing *of Tresliske Hospital, Truro.*

The Prince of Wales, Patron, Hall for Cornwall Project, this afternoon visited the new Hall in Truro.

His Royal Highness later *launched a new project as part of* the "In Pursuit of Excellence Initiative" at Tretherras School, Newquay, to provide schools with access through the Internet to help pupils to identify local job opportunities and viewed the projects which have won prizes under this year's Duchy of Cornwall Education Awards Scheme.

The Prince of Wales, President, afterwards met The Prince's Trust business grant recipients and Trust Volunteers at the newly restored Newquay Parish Church of St Michael The Archangel and met a number of people involved in projects to support the unemployed in the area.

YORK HOUSE
November 11: The Duke of Kent, Vice Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this afternoon *unveiled the logo marking the* Three Hundredth Anniversary of the visit of Tsar Peter the Great to London, in the presence of the Governor of St Petersburg, Russia, at the Foreign and Commonwealth *Office. King Charles Street,* London SW1.

Birthdays today

Dame Peggy Fenner, former MP, 75; Lord Goff of Chieveley, FBA, 71; Dr William Hayes, President, St John's College, Oxford, 67; Mr *J.A.S. Ingamells, former director,* The Wallace Collection, 63; Mr M.A. Lang, former Headmaster, Durham School, 58; Sir Peter Lloyd, MP, 60; Professor Christina Lyon, Professor of Law, Liverpool University, 45.

Sir Ronald Millar, playwright and screenwriter, 78; Miss Jennifer Page, chief executive, New Millennium Experience, 53; Professor Gilbert Smith, Vice-Chancellor, University of Northumbria at Newcastle, 53; Sir William Sutherland, former Chief Constable, Lothian and Borders, 64; Professor John Tarrant, Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Huddersfield University, 56; Prebendary Chad Varah, *founder, The Samaritans,* 86.

Service dinner

The King's Royal Hussars
Prince Michael of Kent and Crown Prince Tupouto'a of Tonga were present at the Regimental Dinner of The King's Royal Hussars which was held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Major General J.P.W. Friedberger, Colonel of the Regiment, presided.

ANTONIA REEVE

The reconciliation of Oberon and Titania, by the Scottish painter Joseph Noel Paton, in which sleeping figures of the lovers seem to give birth to a riotous troupe of fairies, is one of more than 80 paintings that will be on show at the Royal Academy in Piccadilly from tomorrow in an exhibition called *Victorian Fairy Painting*

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, as patron, will attend a concert, dedicated to the memory *of Diana*, Princess of Wales at the Festival Hall, at 7.20, in aid of the Royal Academy of Music and the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as honorary *life* member, *British Sub-Aqua* Club, will present the 1976 Duke of Edinburgh's prize at Buckingham Palace at 10.00; as president, English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth, will present the *1997 Duke of Edinburgh English* Language Book Competition awards and the English-Speaking Union English Language Awards at Buckingham Palace at 3.00 and later will preside at a meeting of the language committee. As Patron, Institute of Management, he will attend the 1997 National and Gold Medal award dinner at the Hotel Intercontinental, Hyde Park, at 7.45.

The Prince of Wales, President, Jubilee Year of the British Horse Society, will attend a reception at St James's Palace at 5.00 to mark its 50th anniversary.

The Princess Royal, patron, Basic Skills Agency, will attend an annual conference at Glaziers' Hall, London Bridge, at 10.20; as President, Save the Children Fund, will attend a reception/presentation for trusts and key donors, South Africa High Commission, Trafalgar Square, at 12.30; as Patron, National Autistic Society, will attend a seminar Jobs for people with autism/Asperger Syndrome, Midland Bank, Poultry, EC2, at 2.30; and as Chancellor, London University, will attend Foundation Day, Senate House, Malet Steet, at 6.10.

The Duke of Kent, patron, Ski Club of Great Britain, will present the Pery Medal, the White House, Church Road, SW19, at 12.00.

Princess Alexandra, as president, will attend the Town and Country *Conference of Children's Country* Holidays Fund, Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue, SW1, at 11.25.

School news

Emanuel School
Mrs Anne-Marie Sutcliffe has been appointed Head of Emanuel School, Wandsworth, a United Westminster School. Mrs Sutcliffe, who is currently deputy head of Channing School, Highgate, will join the co-educational independent school in September next year. She succeeds Mr Tristram Jones-Parry, who is leaving to be Head Master of Westminster School.

Memorial service: Peter Roberts

A service of celebration for the life of Peter Roberts, former managing editor, *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*, was held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street. Canon John Oates officiated. Mr Peter Stothard, Editor of *The Times*, and Sir Edward Pickering, Executive Vice-Chairman of Times Newspapers, read the lessons. Mr Philip Clarke, former Editor of the *Sunday Times Magazine*, read from *Esprit de Corps: Sketches from a Diplomatic Life* by Lawrence Durrell, and Mr Simon Jenkins, a columnist and former Editor of *The Times*, gave an address.

Among others present were:

Mrs Roberts (widow), Mr Malcolm Roberts (son), Mr and Mrs Kevin Roberts (son and daughter-in-law), Mr Luke Roberts (grandson), Mr and Mrs James Peters (brother-in-law and sister), Mr and Mrs Ian Glyn, Mr Michael Williams, Mr and Mrs *Boris Schapiro, Mr Ray Powles* (Royal Marsden Hospital), Mr Michael Bradley, Dr and Mrs John Glyn, Mr and Mrs J Gifford, Mr and Mrs P Bertans, Mrs Norma Pearson, Mr and Mrs Alston Thomas; Lady Annaly, Lady Pickering, Sir Alastair Burnet, Mr Frank and Lady *Katharine Giles.*

Mr Rupert Murdoch, Chairman and Chief Executive of The News Corporation, was represented by Mr Les Hinton (executive chairman, News International) with Mr Doug Flynn (managing director, News International Newspapers), Mr Bill O'Neill (executive vice-president, Human Resources, The News Corporation), Miss Jane Reed (director, Corporate Affairs, News International), Mr Alasdair MacLeod (general manager, Times Newspapers), Mr James MacManus (managing director, Times Supplements), *Mr Richard Withey* (director, New Media).

Mr John Bryant (deputy editor, *The Times*) and Mrs Bryant, with Mr *George Brock (managing editor),* Mr Roger Wood (deputy managing editor), Mr David Hopkinson (assistant managing editor), Mr Nicholas Wapshott, Mr Brian MacArthur, Mr David Ruddock, Mr John Mair, Mr Christopher McKane, Ms Rosemary Righter, Ms *Mary Ann Sieghart, Mr Philip* Howard, Mr Anthony Howard, Mr Peter Riddell, Mr Philip Webster, Mr Graham Paterson, Mr David Chappell, Mr Tony Norbury, Mr Tim Austin, Mr Ivan Barnes, Mr Andrew Moger, Mr Simon Pearson.

Mr John Witherow (Editor, *The Sunday Times*) with Mr Martin Ivens (deputy editor), Mr Bob Tyrer (associate editor), Mr Tony Bambridge (managing editor) and Mrs Bambridge, Miss Kathleen Herron (assistant managing editor), Mr Michael Jones, Mr John Jay, Mr Roger Eglin, Mr Alex Butler, Mr *Simon Taylor.*

Mr William Newman (managing editor, *The Sun*) and Mrs Newman, Mr Stuart Kuttner (managing editor, *News of the World*), Mr Paul Woolfenden (promotions director, Telegraph Group, also representing the managing director, *The Daily Telegraph*), Mr Jim Anderson (managing editor, *Daily Star*), Mr Robin Pauley (managing editor, *Financial Times*), Mr David Lipsey (*The Economist*), Mr R W McDougall and Mr Robin Findlay (Newspaper Press Fund), Mr Peter Steadman, Mr David Walsh.

Mrs Barbara Roberts, Miss Elaine Jones, Mr Bernard Levin, Mr Toby Constantine, Mr James Searby, Mr John Widdows, Mr Keith Blackmore, Mr Alan Hamilton, Mr Mike Dynes, Mr Andrew Yates, Mr Andrew Pierce, Mr Stewart Tendler, Mr Derwent May, Mr Michael Hornsby, Mr Damien Whitworth, Ms Ann Ashworth, Ms Rose Wild, Mr Chris Warman, Mr Gordon Beckett, Mr Tim Rice, Ms Gill Morgan.

Mr Joe Joseph, Mr John O'Leary, Mr David Charter, Mr Iain Sutherland, Mr Richard Ford, Mr Matthew Bond, Mr Nigel Hawkes, Mr *Michael* Evans, Ms Frances Gibb, Mr John Wellman, Mr John Clarke, Ms Carol Midgley, Ms Lisa Grainger, Mr Jon Ashworth, Ms *Marianne Curphey*, Mr *Richard* Aylmer-Hall.

Ms Marjorie Wallace, Ms Moya Togher, Miss Julie Daniels, Miss Denise Renner, Ms Alison Root, Miss Thérèse Gordon-Duffy, Miss Lisette Felix, Miss Lynette Carr, Miss Gill Ross, Ms Catherine Tye, *Miss Sheila Hardcastle*, Miss Jean Roose, Ms Dee Ennifer, Ms Val Goulding, *Miss* Katherine Knight, Mr Marc Aspland, Mr John Mitchell, Mr *Donald* Brett, Mr Brian Glanville.

Miss Christine Wheeler, Mr David Altheer, Mr David Wilson, Mr John Goodbody, Mr James Evans, Mr Adam Fresco, Ms Sally Baker, Miss Clare Brennan, Ms Judith Dunn, Mr John Brian, Mr Robert Hughes, Mr Michael Williams, Mr John Young, Mr Bill Gillespie, Ms Karen Buckley, Miss Muriel Bowen, Mr Roger *Smith, Mr* Brian Nicholson, Mr Vincent Page, Mr David Gibbons, Ms S McConnell, Mr John Peggs, Mr Frank le Duc, Ms Naomi Hyamson, Mr Bryan Wharton, Mr and Mrs Mel Webb.

Mr Colin Webb, Mr P B Davis, Mr Cyril Bainbridge, Mr Henry *Douglas, Mr and Mrs David* Pelling, Miss Christine Long, Mr Donald Brett, Mr Harvey Elliott, Mr Tony Rennell, Mrs Vera Taggart, Miss Penny Perrick, *Ms* Helen Grubb, Ms Sheila Gunn, Mr B Sanghvi, Ms Doreen Fitzgerald, Mr Peter Santon, Mr Bill Cater, Mr *Michael Roffey*, Mr *Stewart* Putland.

Mr Stephen Boyd, *Ms* Louise Hidalgo, Mr Anthony Holden, Mr John Higgins and Miss *Linda* Christmas, Mr Derek Bristow, Mr and Mrs Don Berry, Mr and Mrs A Gray, Ms Sian Roberts, Mr and Mrs *J* P Walker, Mr David Heaton, Mr Paul Brown, Mr Graeme Robertson, Ms Lindsay Cook, Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Young, Mr and Mrs J Swain, Ms C St John Brookes, Ms Carol Leonard, Mr John Fingleton, Ms Tracy Walker, Mr Nick Gardner, Ms Ruth Wheatley, Ms L Linnane-Boyd, Mr *Mike* Bradley, *Mr* Richard Caseby, Mr and Mrs S Levenson and many other friends and former colleagues.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Richard Baxter, Puritan minister, Rowton, Shropshire, 1615; Amelia Opie, novelist and poet, Norwich, 1769; Alexander Borodin, composer, St Petersburg, 1833; Auguste Rodin, sculptor, Paris, 1840; John William Strutt, 3rd Baron Rayleigh, physicist, Nobel laureate 1904, Maldon, Essex, 1842; Sun Yat-sen, Chinese revolutionary, President of China 1912, Canton, 1866; Grace Kelly, Princess Grace of Monaco, actress, Philadephia, 1929.

DEATHS: Canute the Great, King of England 1016-35 and of Denmark 1035, Shaftesbury, Dorset, 1035; Stephen Gardiner, bishop and statesman, London, 1555; Sir John Hawkins, naval commander, at sea, off Puerto Rico, 1595; Thomas Fairfax, 3rd Baron Fairfax of Cameron, C-in-C of the Parliamentary army, Nun Appleton, Yorkshire, 1671; Jean-Sylvain Bailly, astronomer, 1st Mayor of Paris 1789-91, executed, Paris, 1793; William Hayley, poet, Felpham, 1820; Charles Kemble, actor, London, 1854; Elizabeth Gaskell, novelist, near Alton, Hampshire, 1865; Percival Lowell, astronomer, Flagstaff, Arizona, 1916; Baroness Emmuska Orczy, novelist, London, 1947; Rudolf Friml, composer, Hollywood, 1972.

The bodies of Captain Robert Scott, E.A. Wilson and H.R. Bowers, who had perished on their journey from the South Pole, were discovered, 1912.

The German battleship *Turpitz* was sunk in Tromsø fiord, Norway, 1944.

A salmon was caught in the Thames, the first for more than 130 years, 1974.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Richard Davison, Vicar, Bishopwearmouth Christ Church, and Rural Dean of Wearmouth (Durham): to be *also* Honorary Canon of Durham Cathedral.

The Rev Mary Day, Assistant Priest, Barrow-in-Furness St Paul (Carlisle): to be Priest-in-Charge, *Allonby Christ Church, and Cross* Canonby St John the Evangelist (same diocese).

The Rev Adrian Dorber, Director of Ministries and Training, and Priest-in-Charge, Brancepeth (Durham): to be *also* Honorary Canon of Durham Cathedral.

The Rev Penny Driver, Minor Canon of Ripon Cathedral with pastoral care of Sharow w Copt Hewick and Marton le Moor, and Adviser for Women in Ministry (Ripon): to be *also* Diocesan Director of Ordinands (same diocese).

University news

Oxford
The Peter Tizard Prize in Paediatrics has been awarded to Katherine Alison Birks, St John's College.

Proxime accesserunt: James John Mountford and Sara Ghorashian, *Lincoln College.*

The Renwick Vickers Dermatology Prize for 1997 has been awarded to Oliver David Howes of St John's College.

The Sara Norton Prize for 1997 has been awarded jointly to Troy Bickham of Lincoln College and Paul Martin of Nuffield College.

The Eugene Havas Memorial Prize for 1997 has been awarded *jointly to Michael Hall* and Peter Morgan, both of Keble College, for the best performance in the examination for the Special Diplomas in Social Studies and in Social Administration.

Oriel College
The following elections have been made:

To a Scholarship
Mr J C Bell (mathematics), formerly of City of London School; Mr J L E Eddis (modern languages), Eton College; Mr D A J Cameron (modern history), Harrow School; Mr S J Coleman (philosophy and modern languages), Dulwich College; Mr J C Grana (physics), The London Oratory School; Mr J B Hill (physics and philosophy), Winchester College; Miss E L Jones (biochemistry), Haberdashers' Monmouth School for Girls; Miss G M Kennedy (medicine), Cambridge University; Mr J Lee Tze Wei (engineering science), Raffles Junior College, Singapore.
Mr J M L Leong (geography), Harrow School; Mr C Mellor (physics), Parrs Wood High School, Manchester; Mr A G Morsley (modern history), Plymouth College; Miss Y Qiao (computation), Shanghai No 3 Girls' High School; Mr M K A Roseveare (modern languages), Eton College; Miss A K Whittle (philosophy and theology), Bolton School Girls' Division.

To an Exhibition
Mr S J Allen (law), Sandown High School, Isle of Wight; Miss A Ignjatovic (medicine), *Richard Huish College*, Taunton; Mr D S Rogers (English), Truro School; Miss S R Stynes (Classics), King Henry VIII School, Coventry.

Stirling
The university has approved the following academic promotions:

Chairs
Ms S J Scott (Applied Social Science); Dr V A Beattie (Accountancy and Finance); Dr J Drakakis (English Studies); Dr W A Phillips and Dr K G Power (Psychology).

Readerships
Dr D M Fryer (Psychology); Dr R B McKean (History).

Senior Lectureships
Dr A Goodacre (Accountancy and Finance); Dr E J Levin (Economics); Dr D S Robertson and Ms S Tester *(Applied Social Science); Dr P J Rosa* (Management and Organisation); Mr M Simmons (Education); Dr R E Sowerby (English Studies), Dr J A Young (Marketing).

Senior Teaching Fellow
Mr I T Thornicroft (Film and Media Studies).

Latest wills

Don Henderson, the actor, of Stratford-upon-Avon, left estate valued at £356,751 net. He was also a writer, producer and director and starred in many television shows including *Poldark, Softly Softly, The Onedin Line, Dr Who, Dempsey and Makepeace, Boon, Minder, Maigret* and latterly alongside Leslie Grantham playing his brother in *The Paradise Club.*

Michael James **Booth**, of *Birmingham, left estate valued at* £2,850,857 net.

He left £50,000 to University College Old Members Trust, Oxford, and to Crescent Theatre Trust, Birmingham, £40,000 to the Campaign for Oxford trust fund of Oxford University, £4,000 to Imperial Cancer Research Fund; £1,000 to the British Red Cross Society; £500 each to the British Diabetic Association, the Chest Heart and Stroke Association, the Five Ways Stroke Club, Birmingham, Shelter and the Salvation Army.

Amy Morah **Howell**, of Llandrindod Wells, Powys, left estate valued at £1,072,654 net.

She left £2,000 to Holy Trinity Church, Llandrindod Wells and to St Michael's Hospice, Hereford; £1,000 to the NSPCC.

John Clifford **Key**, of *Matlock* Bath, Derbyshire, left estate valued at £1,972,180 net.

David Edward Pepler **Norton**, of Macclesfield, Cheshire, left estate valued at £1,146,693 net.

Robert Mallory **Strange**, of Nailsworth, Gloucestershire, left estate valued at £1,131,892 net.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.J. Blake and Miss S.B. Britten
The engagement is announced between Ché, son of Mr and Mrs James Blake, of Crosshaven, Co Cork, and Sophie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Britten, of Kew, Surrey.

Mr A.J. Chitty and Miss J.M. Brady
The engagement is announced between Adam, son of Mr and Mrs Jack Chitty, of Rotherwick, *Hampshire*, and Joanne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Barry Brady, of Sydney, Australia.

Captain C.W. Griffiths and Miss A.G. Petch
The engagement is announced between Captain *Will Griffiths*, The Queens Royal Hussars (Queens Own and Royal Irish), son of Captain Lloyd Cromwell Griffiths, of Gloucestershire, and of Mrs Meg *Griffiths*, of Crieff, and Amanda, daughter of *Dr* and Mrs Michael Petch, of Cambridge.

Mr H.W. Ockleston and Miss K.J. Yeaman
The engagement is announced between Hugh, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter Ockleston, of Malpas, Cheshire, and Jemima, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith Yeaman, of Forthampton, Gloucestershire.

Mr M. Richards and Miss C. Jackson
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Richards, of Perth, Australia, and Caroline, daughter *of Mr* and Mrs Derek Jackson, of Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Marriage

Mr P.J.A. Kitcatt and Miss A.M. Corey
The marriage took place in London, on November 1, between Paul, eldest son of Sir Peter and Lady Kitcatt, and Ana Maria, elder daughter of Mrs Anita Corey, of New York.

Sir John Kendrew

A commemoration of Sir John Kendrew, FRS, Nobel Laureate, will be held in the Chapel of St John's College, Oxford, on Saturday, November 22, 1997, at 2.30pm.

Graeme McDonald

There will be a service of celebration of the life and achievements of Graeme McDonald, OBE, at St *James's, Piccadilly, London,* W1, on Monday, December 8, at 3.00pm. Applications for tickets should be made soonest to: Roger Cary, BBC, Room 613, Henry Wood House, Langham Place, London W1A 1AA.

Alec Andrew Muir

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Alec Andrew Muir, CBE, QPM, former Chief Constable of Durham County, will be held at Durham Cathedral on Thursday, November 27, at 2pm.

Dinner

Carlton Club
Mr Robert Linsley was the guest of honour at a dinner held last night at the Carlton Club to mark his 20 years' service as secretary of the club. Lord Wakeham, chairman, presided and the two immediate past chairmen, Viscount Whitelaw, KT, CH, and Lord Boyd-*Carpenter*, were *among those* present.

Merchant Venturers

The following have been elected officers of the Society of Merchant Venturers of the City of Bristol for the ensuing year:

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BIRTHS

BROWNE - On November 4th at The Portland Hospital, to Michele and Robert, sons, Brandon Patrick and Matthew Robert.

ENGLISH - On 7th November 1997, *to Frances (née Pyrah)* and William, a son, Frederick Pemble Owen, a brother for Eleanor.

LYRAS - On November 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Anna Chrysanthou and George Lyras, a son, Vasilis.

MEDD ROBERT - On *November* 7th 1997, in Paris, to Victoria and Franck, a daughter, Léa Joan.

PEARS - On November 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Daniela and Trevor, a daughter, Tania, a sister for Sabrina.

PEARSON - On 2nd November 1997, to Eryl (née Cottrell) and Jeff, a son, Gwyn Peter, a brother for Bryony.

SHOWELL - On 8th November 1997 at the RUH Bath, to Jan (née Hooper) and Geoff, a beautiful daughter, Helena Grace Amelia.

DEATHS

ADAMS - Jeremy John Trevelyan died on 9th November, aged 54, in the arms of his family who loved him dearly, after a courageous fight. He was a respected teacher and a dear friend to many. The funeral service will be held at St Michael and All Angels, Berwick, at 2 pm on Thursday 13th November. Flowers to Haine & Son, 19 South Street, Eastbourne.

BEAN - Margaret (née Sherman) peacefully in Charing Cross Hospital on November 8th. Sadly missed by family and friends. Private funeral. No flowers. Donations if desired to Oxfam (Chiswick Branch).

BAILEY - Dr. Joe, on November 8th, peacefully Alison George Selborne, dearly loved husband of the late Christine, father of Alison, Margaret, George and William and grandfather. Friend and Doctor in Bourne End and elsewhere for over fifty years. Funeral Service at St Paul's Church, Wooburn Green, on Friday November 14th at 11.30 am. Memorial Service will be held at Radley College Chapel on Saturday December 6th at 11.30 am. Donations in lieu of flowers to St Francis Hospice, Berkhamsted and Iain Rennie Hospice at Home may be sent to Arnold Funeral Service, 891 London Road, Loudwater, High Wycombe, Bucks. HP10 9TB.

BENTLEY - Nina, widow of Canon Brian Bentley, formerly of the Cloisters, Windsor Castle, died peacefully November 9th. Funeral Service in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, 3pm Tuesday November 18th. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Order of the Holy Paraclete, Sneaton Castle, Whitby, Yorks.

BLACKWELL - John, Editor extraordinaire, died in Clapham on Bonfire Night 1997. Service at St Paul's Church, Rectory Grove, Clapham: 3 pm Friday 14th November. No flowers but donations to the British Heart Foundation or Trinity Hospice may be sent to his wife Pamela Blackwell (Price) at his home. A Memorial Service will be announced later.

Du PONTET - Peacefully on 6th November after a short illness, Mary Stebbing Du Pontet aged 88 years. Service at Putney Vale Crematorium on 14th November at 11.30am. No flowers but donations if desired to World Wildlife Fund c/o E. Lamer & Son, 246 Upper Richmond Road, SW15, tel: (0181) 788-2942.

COX - Peacefully in the North Cambs Hospital, Wisbech on 7th November 1997 following a short illness Charles William Hall Cox M.M. aged 84 years of Wisbech. The beloved husband of Marjorie and loving Dad of Pat and David, dear stepfather of Kath, Sonny, Maureen, Rick and Linda and a much loved Grandfather and Great-Grandfather. Funeral Service on Tuesday 18th November 1997 at St Augustines Church, Wisbech at 12.15pm followed by committal at Mintlyn Crematorium. Family flowers only please but if desired donations for Terrington Ward, Queen Elizabeth Hospital or Trafford Ward, North Cambs Hospital may be sent to W. Bailey & Son, 55 Lynn Road, Wisbech, Cambs. Tel: (01945) 584762.

ELTON - Claire on 8th November 1997, Claire loved and loving widow of Paul, mother of Vicky, Nicholas and Jackie, grandmother of Katherine, Matthew, Max and Louis, sister of Betty, sister-in-law of Tom, friend to very many. Funeral 1 pm Golders Green Crematorium Friday 14th November. Family flowers only by request, donations if desired to British Red Cross London Branch or Sightsavers International c/o Kenyons, 9 Pond Street, London, NW3.

FORSTER - Malcolm Richard suddenly on 8th November 1997, aged 55 years. Most adored husband of Angela, treasured son of Hilda and beloved daddy of Alexandra, Hugo and Holly. Cherished friend to all who knew him. Service of Thanksgiving to be held at St Helen's Church, Ranworth, Norwich on Friday November 14th at 2.30 pm. Flowers or if desired donations for the British Heart Foundation may be sent c/o Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich NR2 2PE.

JAQUET - Rev. Peter Michael of Leconfield, Beverley, on November 7th. A gentle loving man. Dearly loved by Sheila, Simon, Judy, Caroline, John, Sally, William and baby Lucy, all his family and his many friends. Dear brother of the late John and Mansel. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday 18th November at 2pm at St Catherine's Church, Leconfield. No flowers please. Any gifts will be divided between Sightsavers International and St Catherine's Church.

KENDALL - (Née Nash, lately Forge) Dorothy Joyce died peacefully 20th October 1997 after a short illness. Survived by daughters Deborah, Vanessa and Francesca and grandchildren. Funeral has taken place. Enquiries to (0181) 529-0215.

LANE - On 6th November, Jack Downes, DFC, aged 88, peacefully in UCH London. Dearly loved brother of George and Barbara. Service at the Central Church of the RAF, St Clement Danes, London at 2 pm on Tuesday 18th November, followed by cremation. No flowers. Donations to RAF Benevolent Fund. Memorial Service at St Clement Danes on Friday 30th January 1998 at 2 pm. Enquiries to A. France & Son, tel: 0171-405 4901.

LOVICK - Dr. Russell Leslie James MB ChB. Died suddenly at home after a short illness 10th November 1997. Funeral Service 10.15am Friday 14th November at St Margaret's Church, Whitnash. Family flowers only please. Any donations please to The St Margaret's Church Organ Restoration Fund. Enquiries to W.G. Rathbone, (01926) 425331.

MacGREGOR - John Roy, His Honour, aged 84 years, peacefully on 31st October. Funeral to be held at Golders Green Crematorium West Chapel 12 noon 14th November. Enquiries to Leverton & Sons Ltd., tel: (0171) 387-6075.

MacGIBBON - Stephen John, Advocate. Peacefully on Monday 10th November, 1997, Stephen, dearly loved husband of Vicki and father of Tom and Archie. Son of Professor and Mrs Iain MacGibbon and brother of Ross and Katrina. Service at Warriston Crematorium Main Chapel on Saturday 15th November 1997 at 11am to which all family and friends are invited. No flowers or letters please but donations if desired to the Leeds Cancer Unit.

McLACHLAN - Peacefully at The Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow, on 11th November 1997, James McLachlan M.V.O., formerly of Balmoral Estates. Beloved husband of the late Rebecca, a much loved father and grandfather of the family. Funeral Service will take place at Linn Crematorium, Glasgow, on Friday 14th November at 11.30 am.

PRIVETT - On Sunday November 9th peacefully in Petersfield Hospital Barbara Blanche, sister of the late Muriel Jeffery. Cremation private. Service of Thanksgiving on Saturday December 13th at 11 am at St Peter's Church, Petersfield. Enquiries to Funeral Services Petersfield, tel: (01730) 262711.

RAE - Jill Virginia (née Bissell-Thomas) passed away peacefully on Sunday 9th November 1997 in Jersey after a long illness bravely borne. Much loved mother of Philippa, Adam and Candida, sister of Jeffrey and Camilla. Sadly missed by all her family. The funeral service will take place in Jersey on Friday 14th November 1997. Donations if desired may be sent to The Alzheimer's Disease Society c/o The Treasurer, Linda Vautier, Arthur Andersen Ltd, Forum House, Grenville Street, St Helier, Jersey JE2 4UF or flowers may be sent to Pitcher & Le Quesne Funeral Directors, 59 Kensington Place, St Helier, tel: (01534) 33330.

ROWAN - On 11th November 1997 [illegible]

STONE - On November 9th [illegible]

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THOMSON - [illegible]

WARD - Michael, the actor, [illegible]

WILLIAMS - Simon Claude [illegible]

WALTERS - On Monday 10th November [illegible]

WRIGHT - On November 8th [illegible]

WYBARD - On November 9th [illegible]

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IN BRIEF

Lords ɔack total ban on handguns

Peers last night backed down from a further confrontation with the Government when they agreed to drop two amendments to legislation which will impose a total ban on handguns.

Weeks after inflicting a double defeat on the Government, the House of Lords threw out the two amendments which would have allowed disabled people to use small calibre weapons and competitive shooters to practise at approved centres. The Bill is now set to receive Royal Assent and become law.

Homes alert

Social housing in London is facing crisis because the rising price of land and property in most areas is making it almost impossible for housing associations to acquire new sites for development, according to a report by the National Housing Federation.

Conjugal rights

Sinn Fein has called for immediate negotiations on the release of its prisoners and, in the meantime, for them to be allowed more contact with their families, including "facilities for the enjoyment of conjugal relationships".

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Children at risk

A million children in Britain could be losing out on their childhood because they have to look after an alcoholic parent. Many are abused physically and sexually, and neglected emotionally, according to reports from the charities Alcohol Concern and ChildLine.

Victim 'wanted'

Rudolf "Rudi" King, 22, shot in his car in Willesden, northwest London, was being sought for the murder of Meshach Welsh, 20, outside Trenz nightclub in Hackney, Scotland Yard said. Two men arrested after the shooting have been released on police bail.

Cool Yule tips

A day-long seminar for people who can't cope with Christmas has been launched by the relationship counselling service Relate. The £35 course on November 29 at Southampton City College will concentrate on teaching families to communicate and not expect too much.

Retiring rhino

A rhinoceros is being retired to Scotland because it is too old to breed. Dick, 28, will join two other elderly rhinos at the Blair Drummond Safari Park near Stirling. All come from the West Midlands Safari Park in Bewdley, Hereford and Worcester.

CORRECTION

A caption to an agency photograph yesterday accompanying an article on the Spice Girls wrongly identified the man shown as Simon Fuller: in fact it was Bob Grace, the group's song publisher. We apologise for the error.

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OBITUARIES

LORD McGREGOR OF DURRIS

Lord McGregor of Durris, social historian and public servant, died on November 10 aged 76. He was born on August 25, 1921.

Lord McGregor of Durris was a distinguished academic and learned social historian who dedicated his talents increasingly to practical socio-legal problems. The autumnal years of his life were devoted to the freedom of expression, spurred on by his chairmanship of the Royal Commission on the Press, 1974-77, leading on to chairmanship of the Advertising Standards Authority, 1980-90, and then to his being appointed chairman of the hastily created Press Complaints Commission in 1991 in the wake of the disbandment of the 37-year-old Press Council. With a quick, even mordant, wit, he brought a distinct liveliness and freshness to the wide range of all the social problems that he tackled.

Oliver Ross McGregor, known almost invariably to his friends and academic colleagues as "Mac", may not have been unique among English academics in unstintingly making available his intellectual skills to the public service; but his output in terms of a royal commission and departmental committees was prodigious. Only his predecessor-but-one in the chair of social institutions in the University of London — Baroness Wootton of Abinger — achieved a comparable record.

His chairmanship of a difficult Royal Commission on the Press after his great friend, the High Court judge Sir Morris Finer, died prematurely at the end of 1974, was perhaps the piece of public work that stood out; but he was also a member of four departmental committees, one standing advisory committee for nine years (the Lord Chancellor's on legal aid), and one standing commission for 12 years (the National Parks Commission and its successor, the Countryside Commission).

He possessed one invaluable quality that made him an outstanding and a much sought-after figure — namely, the ability both to marry with rare insight and skill the legal system and social science and to perceive the impact of social change on legislation. Nurtured in the sound tradition of Tawney, Laski and later of Titmuss and Glass, he was one of the distinguished band of students who emerged from the London School of Economics at the outbreak of the Second World War. He himself fathered and furthered the cause of social policy making, grounded in the law in action.

McGregor was a self-proclaimed lawyer *manqué* (he did not conceal his special pleasure when one of his three sons took to the law and successfully practised at the Bar, becoming a QC) and throughout his career, without any legal training, he adapted legal principle to his vast knowledge and understanding of social change, particularly in the field of family law. To this end he formed close personal ties with a few legal practitioners who showed an inclination towards interdisciplinary knowledge and a willingness to take on board the growing body of sociological critiques of the legal system. His alliance with the practising, rather than with the academic, lawyer displayed his strong feeling that it was the law in action that he wanted to influence, and to be influenced by.

Yet he came to blame the lawyerly dominance of the successive chairmen of the Press Council for its failure to retain the respect of both the newspaper industry and the public, although that criticism was unjustified in respect of the first two independent chairmen, Lord Devlin and Lord Pearce. And he deliberately excluded from the Press Complaints Commission any member with legal training. Lawyers, he once opined in a broadcast, had no place in self-regulation of the press. It was a stance that made him more than ordinarily vulnerable when handling publicly-sensitive complaints to the Press Complaints Commission.

His long association with Morris Finer was particularly fruitful. Together they were the architects and executants of the massive departmental committee report on one-parent families (which Finer chaired), an outstanding social document far in advance of its times, as evidenced by the fact that no Government has yet agreed to implement its main recommendations. Five years' hard labour, 1969-74, produced as near definitive work on social security for the major category of disadvantaged women and their dependent children as one could imagine. The work clearly reflects McGregor's powerful insistence that social policy had always to be firmly grounded on sound social science research results. He later became the president both of the National Council for One-Parent Families and the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux from 1981 to 1987.

From 1966 onwards, jointly with Sir Louis Blom-Cooper and Dr Colin Gibson, he directed a legal research unit within his own college (Bedford) of London University, which among other notable activities in socio-legal studies produced much of the research material for the Committee on One-Parent Families. The unit had earlier blazed the trail in this field with its work on *Separated Spouses*, a study of the workings of the matrimonial jurisdiction of magistrates' courts. Largely engineered and written by McGregor, in his own crisp and readable prose, the study demonstrated, to the chagrin of magistrates and justices' clerks, how discriminating the jurisdiction was in favour of the better-off spouses and against the poorer classes whose marriages had broken down. These conclusions stemmed instinctively from McGregor's previous interest in the problem of divorce.

The Royal Commission on Marriage and Divorce in 1956 had reported inconclusively on the way forward for divorce in a society whose attitudes on marriage had changed profoundly after the family disruptions of the Second World War. Incensed at, and provoked by, the ill-researched and ill-digested facts that motivated the various commissioners, McGregor promptly sat down, and with astonishing speed produced a minor classic in his *Divorce in England*. He never found the time to update the work, which, despite being overtaken by events, still provides the basic textbook on the subject.

The Legal Research Unit at Bedford College was the cradle into which McGregor's continued interest in the law and social policy neatly fitted. His short-lived excursion in 1972 to direct the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies at Oxford was not a success. Removal, even only partial, from the centre of policy-making dissipated his energies, and when the moment came for him to take over the chairmanship of the Royal Commission on the Press — a full-time and exacting task — he was not too unhappy at leaving the Oxford enterprise, by then riven with dispute.

For all his abiding interest in family law and social policy, McGregor's academic distinction lay elsewhere. By training and inclination he was a social historian. He was, in fact, an authority on agrarian reforms of the 19th century; for a short time after the death of his father, an Aberdonian who farmed in South Yorkshire, McGregor gave up his first academic post at Hull University and ran the farm. He had a profound and longstanding interest in all Victorian social habits, which led him to edit in 1969 a bibliography of the transactions of the National Association for Promotion of Social Science, an early forum for lawyers and social scientists that became dormant from the 1880s, when its secretary absconded with the association's funds, and which has not since been adequately replicated.

His teaching duties encompassed much else in the Victorian period, in particular the movement for women's emancipation and later liberation. He wrote pellucidly, never more so than in his foreword to the four volumes of the *Selected Writings of Barbara Wootton*, bravely published at £40 a volume by the Macmillan Press in 1992. In that introduction he included the telling phrase, not entirely inappropriate to himself: "It is from the champions of the impossible rather than the slaves of the possible that evolution draws its creative force."

He was an engaging and persuasive lecturer, given to careful and elegant choice of language. His students admired and respected him, though he exhibited a certain gaucherie with female students (indeed, with women generally) which was odd since he displayed so pronounced a feminist approach to social issues. This detachment meant that students found his lectures and seminars less rewarding than might otherwise have been the case. But he cared deeply for students, markedly so by comparison with some of his academic colleagues. He was discriminating in the colleagues he esteemed, and he was fiercely critical of those whose academic standards were lower than he thought they should be.

His most prominent underrated public work was his chairmanship of the Royal Commission on the Press. The analysis in its report of Fleet Street's economic and labour-relations' ills was vivid and deft. Yet, at a time when there were still a lot of trade union pressures on the newspaper industry and a Labour Government was still in power, its prescription for maintaining a free and independent press, effectively policing its own miscreants, failed to receive the political support that it deserved.

While the report was not uncritical of the Press Council, there were recommendations for giving it a continued lease of life, provided it produced a code of practice and improved its complaints procedure. By 1983 the council had largely contributed to its own eventual demise through its failure to reform itself along the lines suggested by the royal commission.

McGregor became a vigorous critic in a House of Lords debate in July 1983 on the Sutcliffe report — a distinguished product of the council's investigation into chequebook journalism, uncovering the gutter tactics of the *Daily Mail* — he bitterly attacked the council for its petulant attitude and self-righteous approach. Yet when the chairmanship of the council became vacant in 1988, with the retirement of Sir Zelman Cowen, McGregor was the front-runner, vigorously endorsed by the Newspaper Society. A combination of factors, mainly to do with McGregor's insistence on immediate changes in the council, deprived him of the chance to rescue a publicly discredited body.

When two years later the Calcutt Committee on Privacy and Related Matters recommended the disbandment of the Press Council, and its replacement by a Press Complaints Commission devoted exclusively to adjudicating on complaints of violation of a new code formulated by national editors, the industry instinctively turned to McGregor to head the new body. His acceptance of the task, the manner in which he distanced it from the Press Council and his unwillingness initially to give the new creature a public profile, suggested a new more reticent approach to many of the royal commission's proposals.

Inevitably, this did something to tarnish an image of a person devoted to openness in public administration. His handling of the invasions of privacy of royalty — immortalised by his unfortunate phrase about journalists "dabbling their fingers in the stuff of other people's souls" at the time of the publication of the Andrew Morton book in 1992 — was unsure and ambivalent (though this was at least partly the result of his having been misled by the Palace).

When the Press Complaints Commission was critically reviewed by Sir David Calcutt in early 1993, McGregor's stewardship looked doomed. Yet the newspaper industry confirmed its support by reappointing him in June 1993 — a recognition that McGregor's approach in resisting statutory intervention still looked like being successful. He completed four years in office at the end of 1994, leaving then to less than generous thanks from an industry still awaiting the long-delayed response of the Government to the question of the press's ability to police itself. Yet the survival of self-regulation can be largely attributed to McGregor's devotion to press freedom — a cause which he also regularly championed in the House of Lords once he arrived there in 1978.

A powerful advocate of the press in the Lords — where he switched from the Labour to the Social Democrat benches in 1981 — he displayed a fertility of mind and a clarity of expression, nearly always dedicated to reducing the sum total of human misery. If there was a sacrifice involved, it centred perhaps on his having resolved to turn his back entirely on academia, a calling for which he was in so many ways exceptionally suited.

He is survived by his wife and three sons.

M. J. LATSIS

M. J. Latsis, American crime writer, died in Plymouth, New Hampshire, on November 3 aged 70. She was born in 1927.

MARY JANE LATSIS was half of the duo who wrote crime fiction under the pseudonym of Emma Lathen. With her collaborator Martha Henissart she created the banking sleuth John Putnam Thatcher, vice-president of the blue-chip Sloan Guaranty Trust and protagonist of some two dozen elegant mysteries with a Wall Street background. Where the average fictional detective has just enough financial expertise to fiddle an expense account, the urbane and competent Thatcher knew his gilts from his pork-belly futures.

Despite its clear potential as a setting for skulduggery, the world of commerce and high finance was more or less virgin territory for crime fiction when Thatcher made his debut in *Banking on Death* in 1961. There was an obvious reason for this: most authors were thoroughly baffled by business. Latsis and Henissart, however, were well placed to balance the books. Both worked in corporate finance, Latsis having trained as an economist, Henissart as a lawyer. It was to avoid offending the sensibilities of their security-conscious clients that they chose to write as Emma Lathen.

Mary Jane Latsis was born in Chicago and educated at Wellesley, where in the early 1950s she first met Henissart. The two then went their separate ways, Henissart moving to New York while Latsis worked for the CIA and the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation in Rome, before returning to Wellesley to teach.

The two met again in Boston in 1960. Lamenting the lack of good mystery stories, they resolved to write one themselves. The working method they adopted was to remain unchanged for almost forty years. Together they mapped out the basics of character and plot; then, separately, they wrote alternate chapters. Latsis went first, working in pen on yellow legal pads; Henissart followed on a manual typewriter. At the end they came together again to iron out inconsistencies in a final rewrite. Each had to take care not to kill off the other's favourite characters.

The books sold well. Readers love facts, even (or especially) when the facts are about things they don't quite understand. In a quiet, witty, civilised way, the intricate commercial and legal plots of Emma Lathen prepared the ground for those densely detailed blockbusters that now make fortunes for such writers as John Grisham.

The Emma Lathen ruse proved something of a handicap when it came to giving interviews or otherwise promoting the books, but the pseudonymous authors were soon doing well enough to give up their jobs. Eventually their identities became known, though they continued to shun the limelight. Their books appeared at the rate of almost one a year. Some, less successful than the Thatcher tales, were written under the pseudonym R. B. Dominic, and featured an Ohio congressman turned detective.

The two women bought a house together in New Hampshire, where they spent part of each year writing and walking in the mountains. Sometimes mistaken for sisters, they enjoyed their solitude. Henissart fended off a succession of suitors, while Latsis, not keen on marriage, pursued a 40-year romance with an investment consultant called Walter Frank. He was *not*, she insisted, the model for John Putnam Thatcher.

A new Thatcher story, *Shark Out of Water*, was ready for publication at the time of Latsis's death.

THE RIGHT REV DOUGLAS FEAVER

The Right Rev Douglas Feaver, former Bishop of Peterborough, died on November 9 aged 83. He was born on May 22, 1914.

ONCE famously described as "the rudest man in the Church of England", Douglas Feaver was a priest of firm traditional views, acerbically expressed. He believed the Authorised Version to be "the one memorable version of the Bible" and was a vigorous defender of the Book of Common Prayer, advising those tempted by the Alternative Service to "taste it and spit it out". He resisted changes to the system of ecclesiastical appointments. He would demand that the altar be restored to its traditional position before agreeing to celebrate in a church where some new arrangement had been adopted. He opposed the ordination of women, and described women members of the General Synod as having "seething bosoms but nothing above". He scorned the church administration and rejoiced in retirement that he would never have to attend another General Synod, a body he accused in a letter to *The Times* of "that conceit which corrupts conscience".

Feaver's forthright manner lent the brute force of prejudice to views which were deeply considered and sincerely felt. He seemed happy to play up to his colourful public image, even publishing in retirement a collection of his choicest "Feaverisms" under the title *Purple Feaver* (1985).

Yet he was by no means the simple ogre he sometimes appeared. There was quiet kindness behind the brutish façade. That 1985 anthology of the bishop's barbs was published, tongue-in-cheek, to raise funds for the Church of England Children's Society; and the Dean of Westminster, Eric Abbott, who so memorably noted Feaver's rudeness, made a point of going on to say that "he doesn't know it and he doesn't mean it".

Although he could alarm the timid, Feaver took a serious and supportive interest in the welfare and development of younger clergy in his charge. He was a briskly effective administrator, never afraid to leave well alone. He performed his pastoral duties with commitment and compassion. He was a pithy, persuasive preacher, and in private an engaging raconteur. He was liked and admired by those who knew him best.

Nor was his opposition to change entirely unreflecting. Rather he believed that "newness consists in renewal, not in novelty, and experiment must go hand in hand with experience". His objection to the General Synod was that he thought it determined "to demolish, little by little, the traditions, dignities and duties of the Church of England".

Douglas Russell Feaver was born in Bristol. He was educated at Bristol Grammar School and at Keble College, Oxford, where he won a double first in modern history and theology. He trained for the ministry at Wells Theological College, then spent 20 years at St Albans Cathedral, first as curate, then, from the age of just 32, as canon and sub-dean. He served as a chaplain in the RAF Volunteer Reserve in the Second World War. During his time at St Albans he built a reputation as a lucid and conscientious book reviewer for the *Church Times*.

His obvious intellectual strengths went some way to compensate for his seemingly deliberate lack of social graces, and in 1958 he was appointed vicar of St Mary's, Nottingham, an appointment which brought with it an honorary canonry of Southwell Minster and the duties of rural dean of Nottingham. Though his relations with the liberal Bishop of Southwell, F.R. Barry, who appointed him, were sometimes strained, it was Feaver's 14 years in Nottingham that prepared the ground for his subsequent preferment.

He was appointed to the see of Peterborough in 1972, succeeding the Anglo-Catholic Cyril Eastaugh, whose opposition to the proposals for Anglican-Methodist unity he shared. For the next 12 years he showed himself to be an outspoken champion of diocesan and parochial independence against the centralising tendencies of the church bureaucracy. He retired, rather unwillingly, in 1984, first to Cambridge, then Somerset.

Douglas Feaver's first wife, Katharine Stubbs, whom he married in 1939, died in 1987. In 1988 he married Clare Harvey, who survives him together with a son, who is the art critic of *The Observer*, and two daughters of his first marriage.

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SNAPSHOTS AT BANQUETS

A GROWING ABUSE

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir,- May I draw attention to the growth at public banquets of a discourteous practice on the part of certain photographic agencies? While the guests are seated eating their dinner photographers walk about the room taking unexpected close-up snapshots of well-known people of both sexes which are afterwards published by the newspapers. In the United States this practice is carried to a very unpleasant degree, and I recently saw a photograph of President Roosevelt with his mouth half-open in the act of eating or drinking. Similar tendencies are already manifesting themselves here, but the effrontery is at present confined to a small circle of publications.

May I point out that the society or public body holding the dinner is through its president or chairman in the position of host to its guests. It is the responsibility of the host to protect his guests from annoyance of this kind, and guests should not hesitate to ask for this protection when necessary. It might also be a good thing for public men, when invited to attend dinners as speakers, to stipulate beforehand that such practices shall not be allowed. No one could possibly object to the regular photographs which are taken of banquets and preserved by many attending them as souvenirs. But the abuse to which I refer should surely be brought to an end.

Yours faithfully,
WINSTON S. CHURCHILL

ON THIS DAY

November 12, 1937

Recent events make Winston Churchill's critical remarks 60 years ago, on the practice of photographers "taking unexpected close-up snapshots of well-known people of both sexes" which are afterwards published by the newspapers, of more than ordinary interest.

BURNS AS EXCISEMAN

A room 12ft by 14ft to which there was no entrance has been discovered in the Glove Tavern, Dumfries, the inn which is known as Burns' Howff. When an examination was made a wall was broken open and an entrance effected to the apartment above what is known as the Burns Room.

Burns was a frequent visitor to the inn after he gave up his farm at Elliesland in 1791, and took up an appointment in the Dumfries division as an excise officer. It was this appointment that led to his composing *The Devil's awa wi' the Exciseman*, but whether while in the course of his duty, as one story runs, or for entertainment at an Excise Court dinner, opinions differ.

In 1792 there was a great deal of contraband traffic from the Isle of Man and Ireland along the coasts of Galloway and Ayrshire and all the revenue officers from Gretna Green to Dumfries were placed under a superintendent at Annan, a man known for his activities in suppressing smuggling. On February 27, a suspicious-looking brig was sighted in the Solway Firth, and the poet was one of the party set to watch her movements.

Word was sent to Dumfries and Ecclefechan for a guard of dragoons and Burns was left with a party of men to watch the vessel and prevent a landing. It was then that one of his followers suggested that Burns might well compose a song about "the sluggards" who had gone for help. After taking a few strides among the reeds, and shingle, the poet returned and chanted the ditty to them.

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THE TIMES TODAY

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 12 1997

NEWS

Pledge to review political funding

■ A top-to-bottom reform of the way Britain's political parties are funded was promised by the Government as it struggled to wipe away the taint of sleaze surrounding its decision to exempt motor racing from any tobacco advertising ban.

After Labour was forced to admit that it had received £1 million from the Formula One supremo Bernie Ecclestone, the Government *hastened its review of political funding and* hinted that the law would be changed to ensure that all such *handouts were disclosed in future* .... **Pages 1, 8, 23**

Schumacher 'leniency' condemned

■ Two British former world motor-racing champions condemned the lenient punishment given to Michael Schumacher, of Germany, for deliberately ramming Jacques Villeneuve during the European Grand Prix last month...... **Pages 1, 8, 52**

Teachers to hit back

Teachers have been advised by their union to "bash and dash" *when cornered by an aggressive* pupil or parent by aiming for the knee, solar plexus, elbow or little finger .... **Page 1**

Au pair's gratitude

The British au pair Louise Woodward broke her silence to thank the judge who freed her and to mourn the baby she was convicted of killing. She hoped that "scientific evidence convinces *the Eappen family that I did their son no harm*"........ **Pages 1, 5**

Portillo pitches in

Michael Portillo cast himself in *the unlikely role of* an amateur politician helping out an old friend when he went campaigning in Winchester........ **Page 2**

Star can't see film

Mischa Barton, 11, the little star of *Lawn Dogs* has been told that she will not be allowed to watch the film since the censors have given it a 15-certificate........ **Page 3**

Peace priority

Mary McAleese was sworn in as the eighth President of Ireland and pledged to use her term to bring peace to Ulster ...... **Page 6**

Teenager tortured

Teenager Kelly Bates was systematically tortured by her 49-year-old boyfriend for up to four weeks *before she was murdered, a court* was told .... **Page 7**

Poor deal

Museums and galleries should charge admission because other*wise the poor are subsidising* middle-class visitors through taxes. Most visitors to museums are ABC1s .... **Page 10**

Holy contest

Five preachers will deliver sermons on "holiness" in the final of the Times/College of Preachers award at Durham. All the finalists are Anglicans .... **Page 11**

Iraq's radar bid

The US launched an inquiry into reports that Iraq planned to buy electronic warfare radar systems from Eastern Europe that would *give it the capability of detecting* Stealth bombers .... **Page 15**

Euro setback

Germany was struggling to keep *on target for European economic* and monetary union after a £6 billion shortfall in tax revenues .... **Page 16**

Somalia's deluge

After more than a month of unusually heavy rainfall, much of southern Somalia lies submerged. An estimated 200,000 people are believed to be at risk........ **Page 17**

Blue-chip art

A private collection of modern art, acquired by a New York couple for less than $2 million *(£1.2 million), has sold at auction* for $206 million........ **Page 18**

Soggy sandwiches spark free for all

■ An evening to cement international friendships ended with police being called after a fight broke out over food. The town of Bridgwater, Somerset, twinned with Homberg, Germany, and Uherske Hradiste, Czech Republic, was entertaining its guests in separate rooms. The battle broke out when one side got chicken and salami and the other, soggy sandwiches... **Page 1**

DES JENSON

Soloists Maxim Vengerov, left, and Yuri Bashmet rehearse for a concert tonight at the Royal Festival Hall in the presence of the Queen. The concert, originally planned as a gala performance to be attended by Diana, the Princess of Wales, is to be dedicated to her memory

Demerger: Allied Domecq, the Ballantine's Scotch to Big Steak *Pubs* group, *held out the* prospect of an eventual demerger, possibly in conjunction with a link-up with a drinks rival .... **Page 27**

Levitt: Roger Levitt is to seek exemplary damages against the DTI over the "shambles" caused by a collapsed bid to extradite him from the US........ **Page 27**

Rolls Royce warning: BMW threatened to cancel an agreement *to supply engines to the new Rolls-*Royce if Mayflower Corporation succeeded with a hostile bid for Vickers........ **Page 27**

Markets: The FTSE 100 fell 13.1 points to close at 4793.7. Sterling rose to 103.8 after a rise to $1.7042 and to DM2.9169 .... **Page 30**

Tennis: Greg Rusedski failed to capitalise on an encouraging start against Patrick Rafter and went down in three sets in his opening match of the ATP Tour world championship........ **Page 52**

Football: Tony Adams, the Arsenal defender, will not play for six weeks because of an ankle injury, thereby ruling him out of the game against Cameroon .... **Page 48**

Rugby union: Within four days England's bright new squad will be introduced to the harsh *realities* of the international game..... **Page 49**

Cricket: *Chris Adams* won his campaign to become a free agent during a hearing at Lord's at which it was decided that Derbyshire had misinterpreted the regulations .... **Page 48**

Close call: Chris Hannan's play *Shining Souls* has arrived at the Old Vic, but Benedict Nightingale advises sitting at the front to appreciate its charms .... **Page 40**

Musical mayhem: As the American show *Chicago* opens in London with its sour theme of murder, Richard Morrison looks at the musicals that purvey lurid material .... **Page 41**

Merry dance: Will English National Ballet's Christmas production of *The Nutcracker* finally bring its artistic director, Derek Deane, plaudits? .... **Page 41**

Rising star: At 24, Caspar Berry has already been an actor and a commercials director, and now he has written the new British action movie, *Downtime*........ **Page 41**

Sorry, boys: Once women felt exploited by advertisers. Now, says the ASA, "girl power" *is being ex*ploited by the industry to demean men .... **Page 20**

Nigella Lawson: For Louise, we demanded clemency; for the boys who killed James Bulger, we demand no mercy. In both cases there is a child's *death*........ **Page 20**

Political sacrifices: "What hell it must be for *Tessa Jowell and* her husband, David Mills," says Mary Ann Sieghart. "After all, husbands are not used to making sacrifices for their wives' careers" ...... **Page 21**

Power of the past: The footprints of Christianity can still be found all over modern Britain .... **Page 21**

New skills: Good shorthand is no longer enough: today's secretary must keep up with the latest technology........ **Page 39**

Battle stations: Plans for one of Britain's finest naval landmarks, a handsome complex of buildings in the West Country, have spurred conservationists into backing a rival scheme .... **Page 43**

Democracy requires a strong and credible opposition, otherwise the Government becomes too sure of itself and even authoritarian

— *Corriere della Sera*

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ FILMS

Impressive or grotesque? *G.I. Jane*, a star vehicle for Demi Moore, puzzles Geoff Brown

■ BOOKS

The India of Lawrence James entrances Jan Morris; Dr Thomas Stuttaford on physicians

Preview: The competition for school places begins at three. *Modern Times* (BBC2, 9pm) **Review:** Matthew Bond on an angry voice for the disabled .... **Pages 50, 51**

A price on politics

There is much that is wrong with state funding in principle. The practical problems are no less troublesome .... **Page 23**

Fast track failure

If it looks like a duck, talks like a duck, and walks like a duck then it is a duck. *If it hobbles horrendous*ly then it is a lame duck. A mere twelve months after his re-election, President Clinton's authority at home has been severely shaken .... **Page 23**

Culture at a price

In an ideal world, all public museums would be free. But the world, as Labour has quickly discovered, is far from ideal .... **Page 23**

SIMON JENKINS

It beggars belief that Labour's prophets of "moralism" can see bombing as a sensible way out of this impasse. Yet so it seems. Both *Mr Blair* and *his Foreign Secre*tary, Robin Cook, are seasoned *supporters* of aerial bombardment .... **Page 22**

ALAN COREN

Given the limitless ingenuity of Americans, the box could well contain, say, a dozen tap-dancing bagels, or an angel cake with a PhD in quantum mechanics ..... **Page 22**

SIMON BARNES

Looking at Formula One, we have a bravura display of sporting sleight of hand. More than that: a glorious buffet supper of money *corrupting and* big *money corrupt*ing absolutely .... **Page 22**

Lord McGregor of Durris, former chairman of the Press Complaints Commission; ***The Right Rev Douglas Feaver***, Bishop of Peterborough, 1972-84; **M.J. Latsis**, American crime writer........ **Page 25**

Tory divide and role in Europe; charities and pub lottery game; Woodward verdict; opera funding; animal testing; school library service........ **Page 21**

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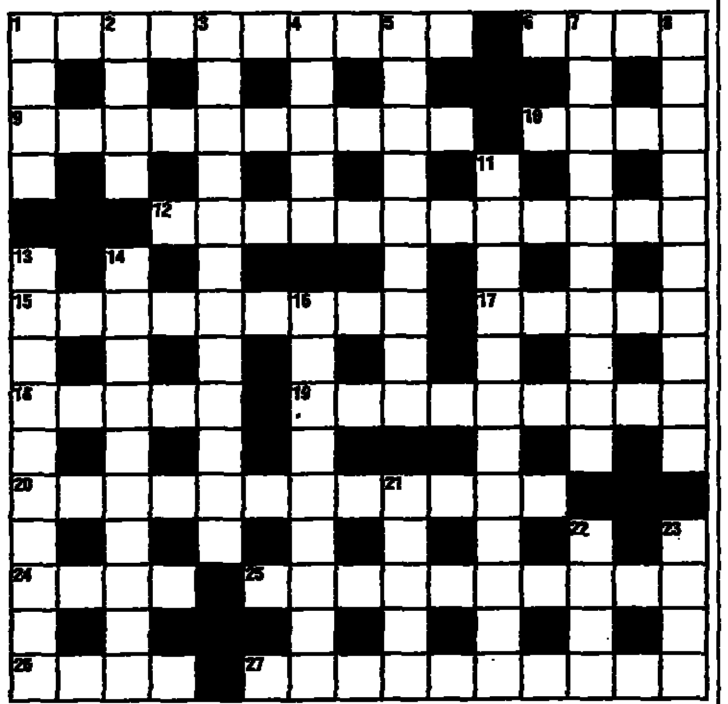

ACROSS

1 Race boldly organised as contest between neighbours (5,5).

6 Fell for composer dropping in (4).

9 Prayers best revised without a lot of elders (10).

10 Just entertainment (4).

12 British skater's skill needed in international meetings? (12).

15 The kind of farm butter kids need (5-4).

17 Singer's theme (5).

18 Lover needing ring puts capital up front (5).

19 Punishing run in meandering setting (9).

20 *So tamed etc., I'd reformed?* (12).

24 Common grub found in wheat-stalks (4).

25 One way sage is surviving in the city (10).

26 Go for a walk round corner (4).

27 Prepare garden inside convent for one type of butterfly (10).

DOWN

1 Bound to be left open for poets (4).

2 Company giving credit points (4).

3 One has nobody up in the ring with right punch, say (7,5).

4 Rotten school report (5).

5 Regularly tapped in lobby, one shows the pressure (9).

7 Parts nobody believes in (10).

8 A few words in support of the standard interpretation (10).

11 Helpful number (12).

13 Cooking dinner, I get this part of it (10).

14 What gives Air Force, say, direction and power? (10).

16 Haberdasher abroad better qualified? (9).

21 Turn aside right after welcome (5).

22 Size of type showing abnormal appetite (4).

23 Refuse in secluded part of house an unknown quantity (4).

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☐ **London, E Anglia, E Midlands, E England, NE England:** any early fog will clear to leave some sunshine and occasional showers. Light southwest wind. Max 11C (52F)

☐ **SE England, Central S England, Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales:** early fog will clear to leave some sunshine and occasional showers, *mainly* on coast and hills. Light west wind. Max 11C (52F)

☐ **W Midlands, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N England:** a few heavy *showers* with sunny spells. Light northwest wind. Max 10C (50F)

☐ ***Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee,*** **Aberdeen, Moray Firth:** sunny spells and a few showers. Moderate southwest wind. Max 10C (50F)

☐ **SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll:** sunshine and showers. Moderate northwest wind. Max 10C (50F)

☐ **Central Highlands, NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** occasional bright spells, frequent showers. Moderate to fresh south to southwest wind. Max 10C (50F)

☐ **Northern Ireland, Irish Republic:** sunny spells and showers, mainly in the west. Moderate northwest wind. Max 11C (52F)

☐ **Outlook:** after early fog and frost tomorrow, mainly dry with some sunshine; late rain in the southwest. Friday will be wet in most of England and Wales, clearing up in the *afternoon; elsewhere* dry *with sunny* spells.

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Aberdeen	1.8	0.01	11	52	c	Lerwick	0.6	0.08	9	48	sh
Anglesey	3.9	0.02	12	54	sh	Leuchars	6.0	0.04	11	52	s
Aspatria	1.1	0.28	10	50	h	Littlehmptn	7.1	0.24	13	55	s
Aviemore	1.6	0.01	9	48	sh	London	5.4	-	13	55	s
Belfast	X					Lowestoft	2.1	-	10	50	b
Birmingham	5.2	-	11	52	s	Manchester	3.1	0.20	11	52	b
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Bristol	6.9	-	13	55	s	Morecambe	1.6	0.17	11	52	c
Buxton	3.0	0.41	8	46	s	Newcastle	2.6	0.01	13	55	sh
Cardiff	X					Newquay	X				
Clacton	4.3	-	10	50	s	Norwich	5.1	0.01	11	52	b
Cleethorpes	-	0.01	10	50	c	Oxford	4.9	-	13	55	s
Colwyn Bay	*1.4*	*0.20*	*11*	*52*	*b*	*Penzance*	X	*0.11*	*14*	*57*	c
Cromer	5.4	0.01	10	50	s	Poole	6.7	0.01	13	55	s
Dunbar	X					Prestatyn	X	0.02	10	50	b
Eastbourne	1.3	0.71	12	54	c	Ross-o-wye	6.8	-	12	54	s
Edinburgh	*6.5*	*0.01*	*12*	*54*	sh	*Salcombe*	X				
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Glasgow	2.6	0.08	12	54	sh	Southport	X				
Guernsey	1.8	0.85	14	57	c	Southsea	7.3	0.01	14	57	s
Hastings	*2.4*	*0.28*	*12*	*54*	*s*	*Stornoway*	*2.2*	*0.08*	*10*	*50*	sh
Hayling I.	X	0.11	13	55	s	Swanage	7.3	0.01	14	57	s
Herne Bay	3.1	0.01	12	54	s	Teignmouth	6.6	0.01	13	55	s
Hunstanton	X	-	10	50	b	Tenby	X				
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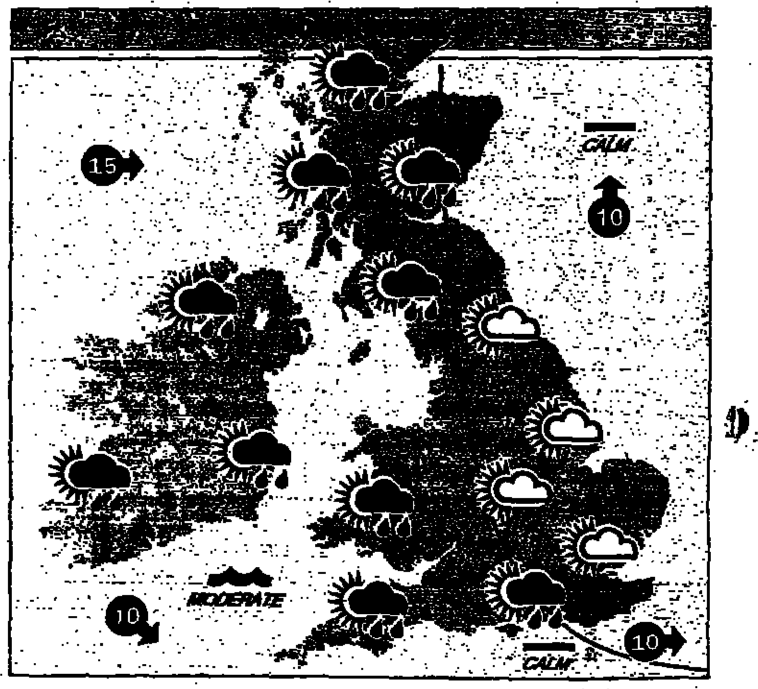

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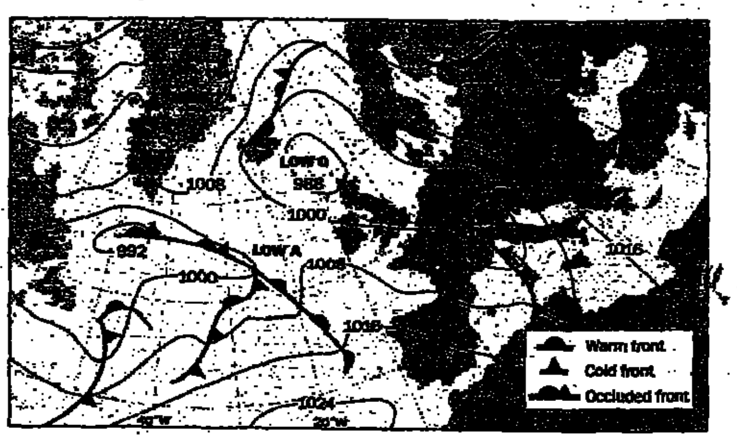

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Avonmouth	04.47	12.4	17.17	13.1	Lowestoft	06.42	2.5	19.45	2.5
Belfast	08.48	3.4	21.01	3.5	Margate	09.29	4.7	22.18	4.8
Cardiff	04.32	11.5	17.03	12.1	Milford Haven	03.54	6.5	16.18	6.9
Devonport	03.21	5.3	15.43	5.5	Newquay	02.50	6.6	15.13	6.9
Dover	08.45	6.5	21.13	6.5	Oban	03.43	3.6	16.03	4.1
Dublin (N Wall)	09.35	4.1	21.43	4.3	Penzance	02.18	5.2	14.40	5.5
Falmouth	02.52	5.1	15.14	5.3	Portland	04.17	2.0	16.34	2.1
Greenock	10.17	3.4	22.45	3.6	Portsmouth	09.15	4.8	21.32	4.7
Harwich	09.20	3.9	22.03	4.1	Shoreham	08.52	6.1	21.18	6.1
Holyhead	08.12	5.4	20.24	5.8	Southampton	08.31	4.7	20.51	4.6
Hull (Albert D)	03.43	8.3	16.32	8.4	Swansea	*04.00*	*9.0*	16.26	*9.5*
Ilfracombe	03.39	8.7	16.05	9.2	Tees	01.01	5.2	13.44	5.3
King's Lynn	03.48	6.4	16.36	6.5	Walton-on-N	09.17	4.1	21.57	4.3

Sun rises: 7.13 am

Sun sets: 4.16 pm

Moon sets 4.01 am

Moon rises 3.34 pm

Full moon November 14

London 4.16 pm to 7.15 am
Bristol 4.25 pm to 7.25 am
Edinburgh 4.10 pm to 7.45 am
Manchester 4.17 pm to 7.31 am
Penzance 4.42 pm to 7.32 am

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Levitt set to seek big payout from DTI in US

Levitt: restricted

By Jon Ashworth

ROGER LEVITT, the disgraced financial services salesman, is set to sue the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) for "exemplary damages" over its bungled attempt to seek his extradition from America.

Mr Levitt, who spent 12 days in custody before his release on $1 million (£588,000) bail, and now works in New York as a boxing promoter, will seek compensation for wrongful arrest, false imprisonment, lost business opportunities, damage to his reputation, and stress and anxiety caused to him and his family. He is considering pursuing the claim in America, where juries incline towards multi-million dollar payouts.

Lord Justice Pill, sitting with Mr Justice Garland at the High Court yesterday, expressed concern at the handling of the case. He indicated that it was in the public interest that the DTI should give the court a formal explanation. After hearing accusations that judges in both New York and London were misled by the DTI, the judge said: "It seems to me the public interest requires some investigation."

The DTI announced in Parliament on Monday that it was abandoning its ten-month fight to bring Mr Levitt back to the UK. He is accused of breaking a director's ban — imposed after the £34 million collapse of his company, The Levitt Group — and of furnishing false information to DTI inspectors. Nigel Griffiths, the Consumer Affairs Minister, told Parliament that the DTI had sought advice from independent counsel before initiating extradition proceedings.

The DTI later admitted that the grounds for Mr Levitt's arrest were not covered by the extradition treaty. It has been accused of misleading courts in its eagerness to seek Mr Levitt's return. The DTI's latest defence — that it sought outside advice — was called into question at the High Court yesterday. Alun Jones, QC, for Mr Levitt, said a DTI barrister, Katherine Shrimplin, was responsible for a series of errors in her deposition to US authorities. She had made "just about every possible error in law that can be made in extradition proceedings" involving a friendly foreign state.

Mr Jones said documents forwarded to the US authorities were a "shambles", and added: "The DTI has prepared these papers and used its own lawyers to do so." It was reasonable to conclude that the DTI had pursued proceedings in the belief that Mr Levitt would choose to come home voluntarily.

Steps to release Mr Levitt from bail were in hand yesterday. The DTI had originally called for $10 million bail, and pressed the case for "an electronic device to be fitted to his body to monitor his movements". This was rejected, but Mr Levitt, nevertheless, saw his movements restricted.

Lawyers for Mr Levitt are seeking a declaration that the extradition request was "unlawful and irrational". Mr Levitt will use such a declaration as the basis for his damages claim. He will also seek costs, which have run to £75,000 in the UK alone. A further High Court hearing has been set for November 21.

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Domecq holds out prospect of demerger

By Dominic Walsh

ALLIED DOMECQ, the Ballantine's Scotch to Big Steak Pubs group, yesterday held out the prospect of an eventual demerger, possibly in conjunction with a link-up with a major drinks rival.

Last year Allied ruled out the concept of a demerger of its drinks and retailing arms as a solution to the group's underperformance of recent years.

But yesterday it was back on the agenda as Sir Christopher Hogg, chairman, acknowledged that the forthcoming merger of Guinness and Grand Metropolitan would heighten competition in the drinks sector, making further consolidation inevitable.

Sir Christopher said: "Our prime intention is to develop the group's two principal businesses to be leaders in their respective industries." He added "This intention is, of course, not inconsistent with demerger. But we would have to be satisfied that the inevitable costs and disruption associated with demerger would be outweighed by the estimated benefits in terms of value to shareholders. It's an idea whose time has not yet come and may not come."

Tony Hales, chief executive, said a demerger might be appropriate as "a facilitating mechanism" if Allied Domecq decided the best way to fight Diageo would be to join forces with a rival. Seagram and Pernod Ricard have been mooted as potential partners although Mr Hales said local alliances were also possible. "Anybody can do a deal. But fools rush in and repent at their leisure," he said. "We will get the right one in due course."

Mr Hales also admitted that if Diageo were to sell Dewar's Scotch to overcome regulatory hurdles, Allied would be interested, though "not at an inflated price". Renewed demerger hopes sent shares in Allied Domecq 27p higher to 508p — a rise of almost 6 per cent — as brokers also reacted positively to the group's full-year results.

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Pre-tax profits in the year ended August 31 were £607 million, a rise of 6 per cent after allowing for currency translation, on turnover down from £5.37 billion to £4.45 billion because of the Carlsberg-Tetley sell-off. Trading profits were up 3 per cent at £715 million at constant exchange rates, but this became a 2 per cent drop after a £33 million hit from the strong pound.

The spirits and wine division suffered a £29 million hit from sterling, dropping 1 per cent to £414 million. Mr Hales said the figures were evidence of the group's decision to focus investment on its top brands, which saw volume growth of 7 to 8 per cent, compared with total growth of 1 per cent.

The biggest rises came from Kahlua, at 24 per cent, and Sauza tequila, at 9 per cent. Its bestseller, Ballantine's, grew 1 per cent to 4.9 million cases. Beefeater was up 3 per cent in spite of a 46 per cent fall in the UK after a price rise of £2 a bottle.

A focus on top brands helped Allied Domecq Retailing to boost trading profit 5 per cent to £232 million, with managed pubs showing profits growth of 10 per cent.

The bulk of investment went into the Firkin and Mr Q's brands and its Big Steak Pub/Wacky Warehouse family concept. Franchising profits from its Baskin-Robbins and Dunkin' Donuts stores increased 9 per cent.

Earnings per share increased 18 per cent to 39.1p. A final dividend of 15.0p, to be paid as a foreign income dividend on February 20, makes 24.44p (23.59p).

Sir Christopher Hogg reported a 6 per cent rise in profits

Homeowners face higher mortgage bills

By Alasdair Murray and Anne Ashworth

MILLIONS of homeowners are facing higher mortgage bills after the Abbey National became the first big lender to raise its loan rate in response to last week's interest rate increase. Economists also said yesterday that homeowners could face further loan rate increases in the next few months after inflation unexpectedly rose in October.

The Abbey National, which has 1.6 million borrowers, pushed its standard rate up 0.25 per cent, with most other big lenders expected to follow suit in the next few days.

The Northern Rock will adjust its rates today and is also likely to opt for a 0.25 per cent increase. Adam Applegarth, Northern Rock executive director, said: "If we delay raising our rates now, the Bank of England may decide that another base rate increase is necessary."

Headline inflation climbed from 3.6 to 3.7 per cent — its highest level for two years. Underlying inflation, which excludes mortgage payments, also edged further above the Government's 2.5 per cent target level to 2.8 per cent.

A sharp rise in seasonal food costs was blamed for most of the rise. Prices in the household goods and services sector also rose, pushing the overall measure of service sector inflation to 3.1 per cent from 2.9 per cent in September.

Gavyn Davies, chief economist at Goldmans Sachs and a close adviser to the Chancellor, told the Confederation of British Industry conference yesterday that interest rates might now need to rise as high as 8 per cent to head off a further rise in inflation.

But the inflation figures sent the pound to a five-year high against the Japanese yen of Y213.50. Sterling also reached a ten-month high against the dollar of $1.7042, a rise of nearly two cents on the day. The pound closed up three pfennigs against the mark at DM2.9169, and rose 1.1 on its trade weighted index to 103.8.

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STOCK MARKET INDICES

FTSE 100	4793.7	(-13.1)
Yield	3.41%	
FTSE All share	2275.74	(-5.17)
Nikkei	15867.23	(+170.03)
New York:		
Dow Jones	7567.57	(+14 98)*
S&P Composite	925.95	(+4.82)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	unq	(5¹¹⁄₁₆%)
Long Bond	—	(99²³⁄₃₂)
Yield	—	(6.15%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	7⁵⁄₈%	(7⁵⁄₈%)
Liffe long gilt future (Dec)	117⁵⁄₈	(118¹¹⁄₃₂)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.7045*	(1.6973)
London:		
$	1.7039	(1.6871)
DM	2.9158	(2.8875)
FFr	9.7676	(9.6727)
SFr	2.3752	(2.3492)
Yen	213.16	(209.34)
£ Index	103.8	(102.7)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.7115*	(1.7045)
FFr	5.7360*	(5.7105)
SFr	1.3940*	(1.3875)
Yen	125.18*	(124.48)
$ Index	105.1	(104.9)

Tokyo close Yen 124.87

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Jan) $19.70 ($19.55)

GOLD

London close..... $311.95 ($310.75)

* denotes midday trading price

Firm ceiling

The CBI cast doubt on Gordon Brown's "golden rule" to be used as the target for controlling public finances. The CBI urged the Government to stick to a firm ceiling. **Page 28**

Composite woe

Strong sales of life and pensions products boosted General Accident's profits but failed to lift its share price as analysts warned the market that there are tough times ahead for composite insurers. **Page 32, Tempus 30**

BMW gives contract warning to Mayflower

By Adam Jones

BMW, the German car manufacturer, yesterday threatened to cancel an agreement to supply engines to the new Rolls-Royce if Mayflower Corporation succeeded with a hostile bid for Vickers, the luxury carmaker's parent.

Vickers was trying to sell Rolls-Royce Motors, with BMW thought to be the most likely buyer, when Mayflower was forced to admit last week that it might bid for the whole group.

BMW fought tooth and nail with Daimler-Benz to win the Rolls engine contract, a prestigious deal that could involve the supply of up to 1,800 engines a year. However, BMW said yesterday: "In the event that Mayflower acquired control of Rolls-Royce, BMW would be minded to terminate the arrangements with Rolls-Royce." The German carmaker said that this would be possible under a change-in-ownership clause in the contract.

Mayflower makes the body of the Rover MGF for BMW and the Vickers camp was suggesting yesterday that there was a serious rift between the two.

One source claimed: "Mayflower has seriously annoyed BMW."

Barclays poised to complete BZW deal

By Richard Miles, banking correspondent

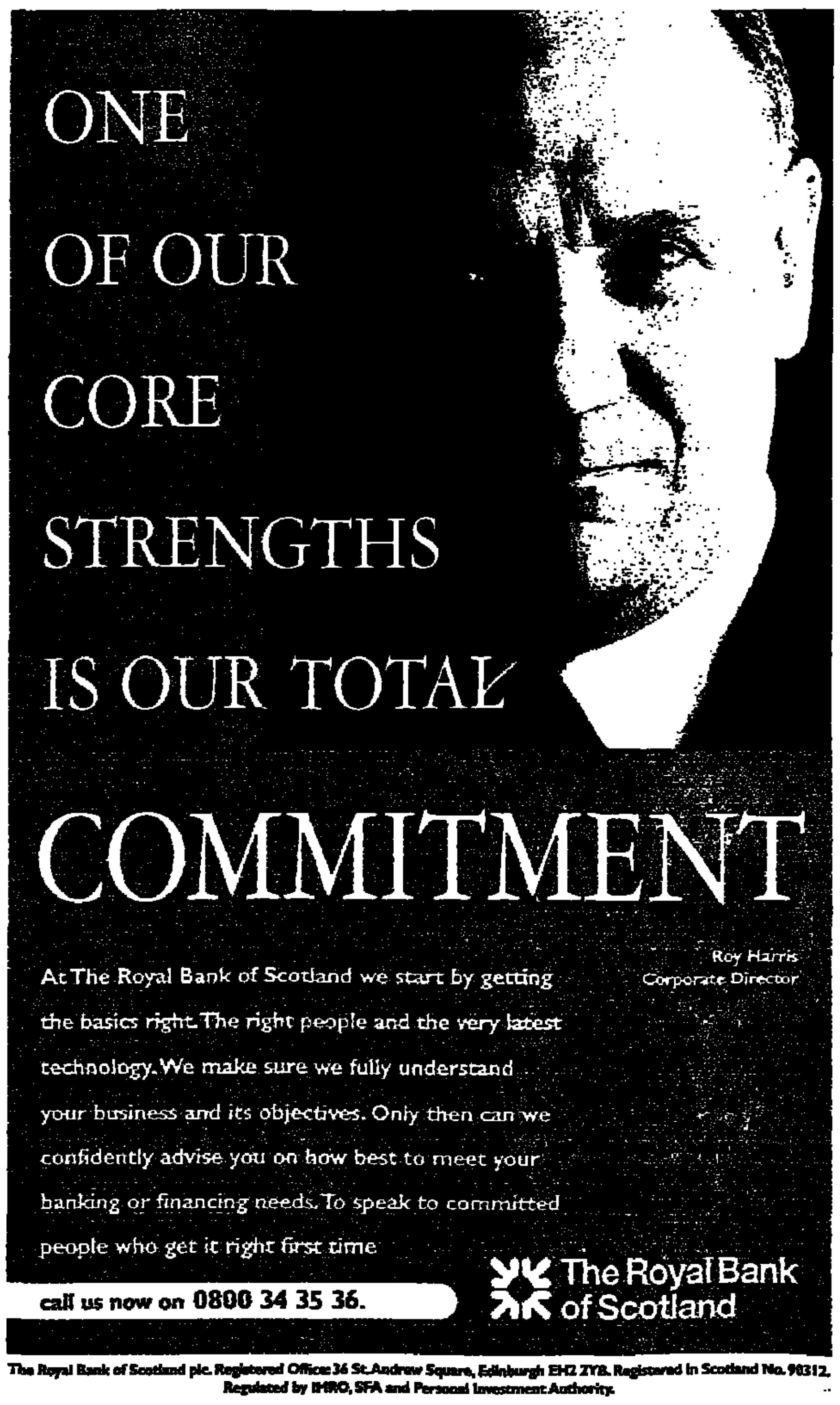
BARCLAYS is on the verge of announcing the sale of BZW's equities and advisory businesses to Credit Suisse First Boston, the Swiss-owned investment bank.

CSFB was given a week to clinch the deal last Tuesday by Martin Taylor, the Barclays chief executive, and the City believes the final arrangements could be disclosed as early as today.

The complexity of the deal, which excludes the Asian and Australian arms of BZW as well as the derivatives business, is likely to be reflected in the price. Most of the key BZW executives have already signed contracts with CSFB.

More than 20 companies have expressed an interest in buying parts of BZW since the investment bank was partitioned and put up for sale by Mr Taylor at the beginning of October. The fixed-income business has been rebranded as Barclays Capital.

After the disposal of BZW, Barclays may bid for a life insurer or fund management business. Reports at the weekend suggested it is preparing a £6 billion bid for Legal & General, although analysts are sceptical.



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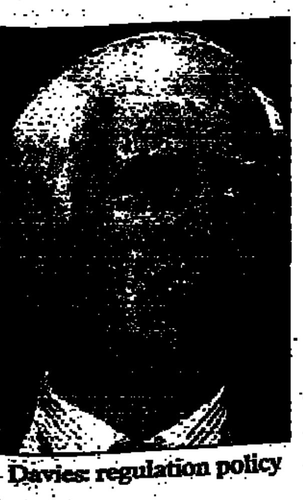
Firms risk exclusion by FSA watchdog

By Richard Miles, banking correspondent



Davies: regulation policy

DOZENS of investment firms could face exclusion from the Financial Services Authority, the new super-watchdog launched last month by Gordon Brown.

The FSA has reserved the right to ask companies to reapply for authorisation as part of a vetting process to ensure that members of the new body meet its standards of regulation.

Although the vast majority of the 5,000-plus investment firms will be given automatic entry to the FSA, a few of problem cases may be subjected to rigorous scrutiny.

Phillip Thorpe, joint managing director of the FSA, said: "The ability to require a firm to reapply for authorisation is not one which the FSA anticipates having to use with a high degree of frequency."

Attention will fall on mainly smaller firms with a poor regulatory record, such as independent financial advisers that have failed to gain entry to the Personal Investment Authority.

About 50 firms of independent financial advisers are still regulated by Fimbra, although the watchdog was expected to be wound up soon after establishment of the PIA three years ago.

A PIA spokeswoman said that some of the firms remain with Fimbra because of outstanding disciplinary matters. Others are appealing against the rejection of their membership applications to the PIA. "We expect this business to be finished by 1999," she said.

Hundreds of other small firms are regulated by professional bodies, such as the Insurance Brokers Registration Council, whose fate remains unclear. IBRC members can carry out financial services business without PIA authorisation if it is less than 50 per cent of their total business.

Howard Davies, the FSA's chairman, has made clear that it will be the only body to regulate the sale of financial services products. Lawyers and accountants have been told that they will have to be directly regulated by the FSA if they want to continue financial services work.

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CBI casts doubts on 'golden rule' to control finance

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

THE Confederation of British Industry yesterday cast doubt on Gordon Brown's "golden rule" as the Government's target for controlling public finances.

The CBI urged the Government to shift towards a new measure of fiscal control, but called on ministers to stick to a firm ceiling on public spending.

Confederation leaders announced their views on public finances before the conclusions of the Government's spending reviews and the outline Green Budget this month.

The CBI said that uncertainties surrounded the Chancellor's pledge that over the economic cycle the Government would only borrow to invest, and not to fund current expenditure. This included the inability to distinguish cash-generating investments from those which were not, and whether they were defined net or gross of depreciation.

The CBI said: "Taking all these uncertainties into account, it does not seem right to make a switch to the 'golden rule' as our main target."

The CBI also recommended that the Government put greater emphasis on to the general government financial deficit rather than the public sector borrowing requirement as the means of fiscal control. As well as being in line with international standards, the move would allow greater commercial freedom to public corporations operating in competitive markets.

CBI leaders said that there was still a "strong case" for privatising such bodies, which include the Post Office, but if privatisation was to be ruled out, then commercial freedom in the public sector, and in particular the ability to borrow to invest, would be a "step in the right direction".

Leaders of the CBI urged the Government to maintain firm control on public spending, with a clear upper limit on expenditure financed by taxes and government borrowing of 40 per cent of GDP.

Andrew Buxton, chairman of the CBI's economic affairs committee, said: "The Government faces difficult choices as it seeks to balance the growing demand for public services with the need to keep down public borrowing and tax rises."

Ministers should consider extending new ways of paying for services, including the Private Finance Initiative and charging, to allow funding for education and transport to rise in real terms.

Viewers put price on value of digital TV

By Raymond Snoddy, Media Editor

NEARLY half the UK population would be interested in buying a digital television box to increase their choice of viewing — but only at the right price.

A new survey, by Taylor Nelson AGB Research, suggests that the price of the equipment is an important key to the development of services with up to 200 channels of television. The most popular price for the "blackbox" decoder among the public is less than £100, although there are those, possibly heavy TV viewers, who are prepared to go up to £150. Above £200 — the likely subsidised retail price — consumer interest declines rapidly.

Almost two thirds are aware of digital television, 39 per cent know that it will mean more channels, and 37 per cent better picture and sound.

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Keith Stott, chief executive of WT Foods, which raised pre-tax profits from £701,000 to £1.64 million in the six months to September 30 on sales up from £12 million to £18 million. The interim dividend is held at 0.50p a share out of earnings up from 0.95p to 1.41p. The board is confident of maintaining the performance in the second half.

Second payment for BCCI depositors

By Jon Ashworth

DEPOSITORS in the collapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) are set to receive a second dividend of up to 15.5 per cent next summer, it was disclosed yesterday.

Georges Baden, one of the two Luxembourg liquidators of BCCI, told a meeting of depositors at Westminster that the money would be paid in June 1998, funds allowing. Depositors received an initial 24.5 per cent last December, and had been told to expect a further payout of at least 10 per cent.

Thousands of depositors lost their savings when BCCI was shut by the Bank of England in July 1991. Total debts came to £6 billion, and progress towards compensating savers has been slow. Deloitte & Touche, the English liquidator of BCCI, has been criticised over the level of fees paid.

Keith Vaz, the Labour MP for Leicester East, hosted yesterday's meeting of the Depositors' Protection Association (DPA), whose members between them have claims of more than £625 million. About 60 members attended. Adil Elias, the DPA chairman, described BCCI depositors as "the forgotten victims", and called on the Bank of England to own up to regulatory failings in monitoring BCCI.

Deloitte & Touche had been seeking £550 million plus interest in damages from the Bank of England in connection with alleged negligence in its regulation and licensing of BCCI, but the claim was struck out in the High Court. In a ruling in May, Mr Justice Clarke ruled that the Bank could not be held liable for "misfeasance" — conduct worse than negligent — in carrying out its duties as a regulator of BCCI. An appeal is to be heard by July 1998.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.53	2.36
Austria Sch	21.49	19.83
Belgium Fr	63.21	58.25
Canada $	2.517	2.329
Cyprus Cyp£	0.900	0.828
Denmark Kr	11.67	10.78
Finland Mkk	9.32	8.57
France Fr	10.22	9.44
Germany Dm	3.07	2.83
Greece Dr	483	444
Hong Kong $	13.98	12.78
Iceland	128	108
Ireland Pt	1.17	1.08
Israel Shk	6.32	5.67
Italy Lira	3028	2791
Japan Yen	227.63	210.10
Malta	0.680	0.621
Netherlds Gld	3.473	3.178
New Zealand $	2.86	2.62
Norway Kr	12.50	11.56
Portugal Esc	309.53	287.50
S Africa Rd	8.90	7.94
Spain Pta	257.29	238.50
Sweden Kr	13.55	12.45
Switzerland Fr	2.53	2.31
Turkey Lira	322902	303024
USA $	1.808	1.665

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to traveller's cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Deutsche Telekom share sale on hold

GERMANY has postponed the sale of DM8 billion (£4.7 billion) worth of shares in Deutsche Telekom until next year. The sale of DM2 billion worth of the shares to the Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau, will, however, go ahead this year under new budget plans announced yesterday by Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister. About DM23 billion of stock will now be sold during 1998 under the new budget plans.

The adjustments to the share sale plans follow fresh calculations of expected tax revenues for 1997 and 1998. The 1997 tax forecast has been cut by DM6.7 billion. The shortfall will be made up by the postponement of repayments to the fund for old East German debts, a reduction in unemployment benefits, and restrictions on government spending. The fresh calculations will leave Germany's federal budget at DM57 billion for 1998, slightly down from the previous estimate of DM57.8 billion in the draft budget.

Eagle Star jobs to go

EAGLE STAR, part of the financial services arm of BAT Industries, which is to merge next year with Zurich Life, is disbanding its direct sales force with the potential loss of 300 jobs. The company said that the reorganisation had nothing to do with the impending merger and that it had decided to concentrate on selling products through independent financial advisers and over the telephone. The move is evidence of a growing trend in insurance away from direct sales agents.

Call for insurer clarity

INSURANCE companies have been urged to come clean over what cover they will provide if the "millennium time bomb" goes off. The call, by the Association of Insurance and Risk Managers, follows fears that some policies may have exclusion clauses if computer systems crash because they fail to recognise the year 2000. The association said insurance companies should provide a clear statement on their position to policyholders.

Bid talks lift Menvier

SHARES in Menvier-Swain, the emergency lighting and security group, rose 49p to 254p as the group revealed that it was in talks with a third party which may result in an offer for the company. At yesterday's closing price the group is worth £132 million on the stock market. The shares reached a high of 338p in the early part of 1997 before falling to the 200p mark after a profits warning. The company took over Scantronic two years ago.

Pennzoil bid warning

UNION Pacific Resources Group said it will call off its $6.4 billion offer for Pennzoil unless the oil company enters "good faith" merger discussions. Jack Messman, Union Pacific chief executive, said that because the value of Pennzoil's international assets appeared "to have eroded sharply" it was not in the best interests of Union Pacific shareholders to continue to pursue the offer on an unsolicited basis for an indeterminate period.

Trust value surges

GROWTH in Latin American economies helped Foreign & Colonial Emerging Markets Investment Trust to increase net asset value to 157.1p a share from 112.6p in the year to September 30. This was well ahead of its benchmark, the IFC Global Total Return Composite Index. The shares, which peaked at 130¼p in August, closed at 103¾p yesterday. Turbulent Asian markets, where the trust has a 17.8 per cent weighting, have eroded the share price.

Cranswick lifts profits

CRANSWICK, the pet, agribusiness and food group, lifted pre-tax profits 15 per cent to £2.1 million in the half-year to September 30. Earnings rose 16 per cent to 10.2p a share and the interim dividend rises 8 per cent to 3.25p. Jim Bloom, the chairman, said there had been a significant increase in food manufacturing sales of retail packing, gourmet sausages and ham. Turnover fell to £75.1 million from £79.1 million after a reduction in raw material costs.

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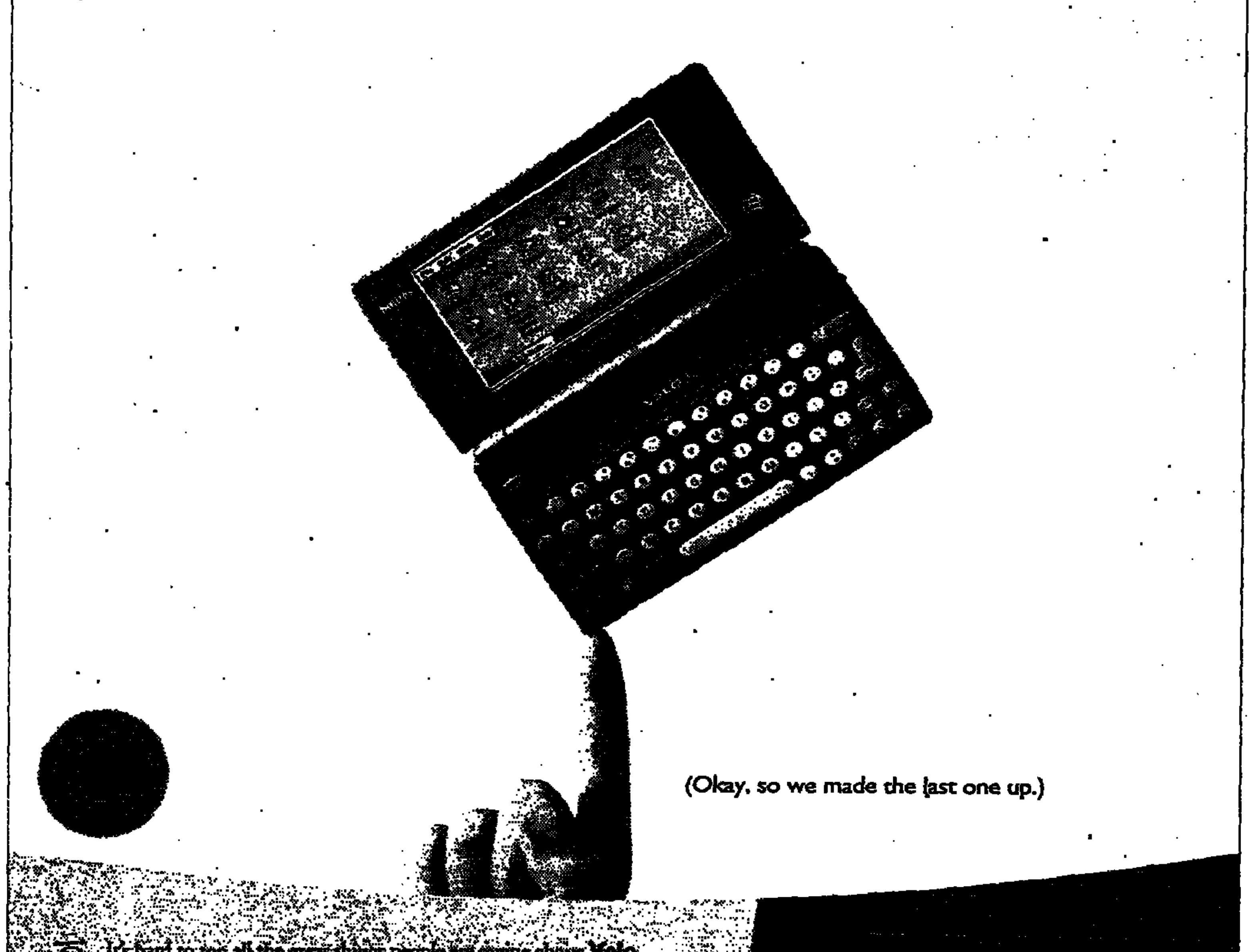

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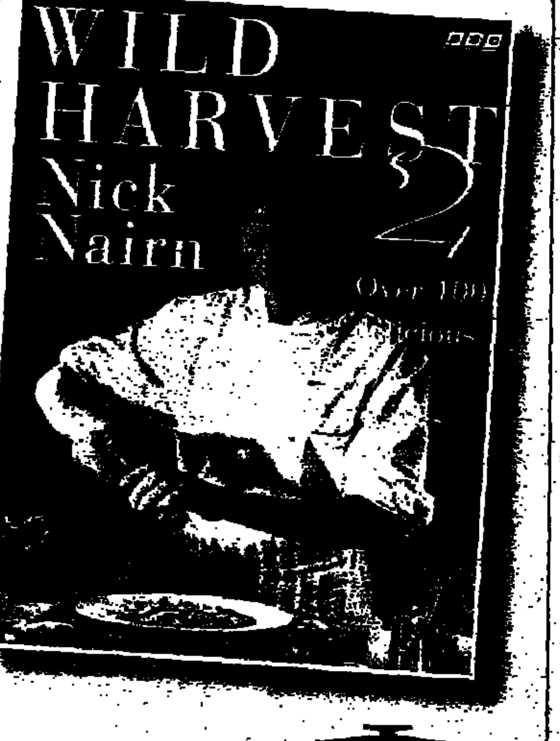

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CHANGING TIMES

Sir Christopher utters the D-word

COMMENTARY
by our City Editor

Baskin-Robbins ice-cream and *Ballantine's* whisky could be the makings of an interesting evening — although a tub full of Häagen-Dazs might hint of even more excitement ahead. But the arguments for keeping ice-cream and whisky under the same corporate roof have never been entirely convincing. Now Sir Christopher Hogg appears to be accepting that there is little mutual benefit to be gained from running food and spirits firms in a single group.

When he took over as chairman of the dispirited Allied Domecq, the City had hoped that Sir Christopher might have *demerger on his mind*, along with a speedy hail and farewell to the group's chief executive. But Sir Christopher held fire on both counts, preferring to concentrate on tidying up the business and instigating some of the things only new boys can get away with, such as stock writedowns. Now, however, perhaps influenced by the continuing under-performance of Allied shares, he is prepared to consider the D-word. Demerger, he says, would be "more a matter of pragmatism than principle", but while this sentiment strikes a discordant note coming from the intellectually refined Sir Christopher, it perfectly encapsulates the demands of the stock market. Allied has tried to argue that its different brands benefit from the international expertise within the group but they have different teams persuading the South Americans that Sauza tequila is the perfect tipple and that the ideal snack is a Dunkin' Donut. The tastes do not combine well and neither do the marketing departments, although there may be some cultural knowledge of various communities to share.

That fun-loving Frenchman, Bernard Arnault, has told the boards of Guinness and Grand-Met that there is no sense in keeping hamburgers, food and hard drink in one combine but they have shunned his advice and pressed ahead with the creation of Diageo. Sir Christopher owns up to the fact that his rivals' decision to join forces prompted him into "a deep and thorough appraisal" of Allied. This may surprise some investors who had imagined this was what he might have been involved in since arriving at the company but perhaps that is merely to underestimate quite what tidying up needed to be done before consideration could be given to the future.

But the Diageo deal has begun the shakeout which has been threatening the spirits sector for a decade. If Allied moves fast to pick the right global partner, *whether in a merger or a less* intractable alliance, it could certainly give Diageo a contest. Demerger is not always a recipe for success — Sir Christopher's splitting of Courtaulds almost a decade ago did not have the same liberating effect as ICI's discovery of Zeneca within its empire — but it would concentrate the *minds of top management and* investors. And a business that glories in owning the Big Steak Pub/Wacky Warehouse concept surely should not be mixed up with the likes of Kahlua.

Abbey National *strides from herd*

There was a touch of Gavyn Davies meets *The Archers* in the airwaves yesterday, as the Goldman Sachs economist warned the CBI that the economy is growing furiously and the Office of National Statistics intoned that the dreadful crop of potatoes is to blame.

The moaners of Ambridge could be carrying the can on both counts should they happen to have a mortgage with Abbey National, which yesterday strode away from the herd and lifted rates by the same quarter per cent imposed by the monetary policy committee of the Bank of England last week. Some lenders have committed themselves to not implementing any rise this year but others will certainly follow Abbey's lead.

This means that some borrowers will be hit with increased bills to meet from their December salary cheque, a salutary reminder that perhaps they should not turn this into the bumper Christmas for which the stores are waiting. The inflation bears were in loud voice yesterday, *but with only the slightest* official encouragement, since underlying retail prices rose just 0.1 per cent during October. But the confounded prediction that *they would remain stable* was enough to cause a degree of panic in some quarters, as voiced by Mr Davies in Birmingham.

He has little time for *Archers*-style complaints about the effect of blight and frosts on the King Edwards, although such unseasonable attacks on seasonal fruit and vegetables did, apparently, account for around half the unexpected increase in October's inflation rate. While Brookfield may not yet be suffering the after-effects, there are even suggestions in some quarters that the ravages of El Niño will soon make themselves felt at the British checkouts.

Mr Davies's opposite numbers, who saw no need of last week's base rate increase, say we should not get worked up about one-off factors such as these. But *how many one-off factors should* be excluded before deciding where the trend is going? Purists would argue that food prices can hardly be excluded from the inflation equation, but accuracy surely demands that the effects of the weather be separated from the cost of labour and other more manageable components. The potato price has had such an impact because this time last year the bumper crops meant lower prices. Another reason for moaning in Ambridge, then, but one for economists to tread warily now before calling for yet higher interest rates.

Case against the prosecution

It must be a burning sore for the UK regulatory authorities that — despite all the distress and cost caused by Roger Levitt — he was sentenced to fewer hours of community service than was the footballer, Eric Cantona, for his altercation with an abusive fan. This is why the Department of Trade and Industry appeared to be in such haste to bring Levitt back from the US. And in that haste they have bungled his extradition so *fundamentally*.

Coming at the same time as the Inland Revenue's decision to drop its prosecution of Octav Botnar for tax fraud, six years after raiding the former Nissan UK boss's offices, it raises the question again of the way we go about investigating financial crime and securing sentences which will deter potential fraudsters. Ros Wright, the recently *appointed director of the* Serious Fraud Office, is strongly of the opinion that trial by jury should be dropped in fraud cases — as the crimes are often too complex to be understood by average citizens — and that there should be a greater use of civil remedies, such as confiscating assets held by *believed* fraudsters and their families.

Using the civil law clearly has advantages. There is a judge not a jury, and justice can be dispensed fairly quickly. But as the DTI has shown so clearly, it does not matter what system operates if the prosecuting *authority makes basic mistakes* like trying to extradite someone for an alleged crime not covered by the extradition treaty.

Concert party

THE one international competition this Government is sure to win is for establishing the greatest number of working parties in the shortest time. Yesterday, the President of the Board of Trade launched six *more*, one of them, inevitably, dedicated to competitiveness. Top businessmen will be so occupied filling all the slots that have been created, the risk is that *their businesses must suffer*. Or were they indispensable after all?

Kodak to cut 10,000 jobs in shake-up

From Oliver August
in New York

EASTMAN Kodak, the photography company, yesterday said it is to cut 10,000 jobs worldwide in a $1 billion (£590 million) restructuring plan.

Kodak employs about 5,000 in the UK, where an unspecified number of re*dundancies are expected*. A spokeswoman said: "Most of the jobs that are to be lost are in the US, but there will be some here."

The 10 per cent cut in the global workforce is aimed at fighting off its rival Fuji Film and will begin with *an initial loss of 5,000 jobs* in 1998. The UK staff work mainly at four sites: Harrow, northwest London, where 2,000 are employed; the head office in Hemel Hempstead; Annesley in Nottinghamshire; and Kirkby in Liverpool.

Kodak, which is heading for a 25 per cent profit decline this year, has already carried out several cost-cutting exercises in the *last couple of years*.

Kay Whitmore, the former chief executive, was fired for not sacking people quickly enough. Andrew Fischer, who has led Kodak since 1993, said: "We have begun actions to achieve a minimum reduc*tion of $1 billion* from our total cost structure over the next two years."

Mr Fischer was hired from Motorola, which he had dominated, but has failed so far to live up to his reputation as a corporate rejuvenator. Kodak's position as the world's largest photographic company is now under threat.

Encouraging start for Nycomed Amersham

By Paul Durman

NYCOMED AMERSHAM, the newly merged healthcare group, reported strong profits growth from its constituent businesses and said that it is making good initial progress integrating them (see Commentary, this page).

The company was formed over the last six months as Amersham International *merged first with Pharmacia* Biotech and then with Nycomed, a Norwegian rival. The enlarged group claims to be the world leader in X-ray and other diagnostic imaging agents, and in supplying the biotechnology industry with the products and services *needed in medical research*.

Bill Castell, chief executive, said Nycomed Amersham is producing strong underlying trading. Amersham reported first-half pre-tax profits 32 per higher at £37.6 million, although this ignores the first £8.4 million of restructuring costs. Nycomed's third-quarter profits rose 40 per cent to NKr309 million (£27 million), although the nine-month total was up only slightly at NKr913 *million (NKr898 million)*.

Mr Castell said: "Our employees have clearly delivered the goods. There is immense excitement for the merger. If people understand the merger it's very easy for them to accept."

The Nycomed deal was completed last month. Mr Castell said he had been nervous before the first meeting of the company's new board last week, saying it was "like meeting your in-laws".

Amersham's figures were flattered by the inclusion of *Nihon Medi-Physics in Japan* and £6.1 million of profits in a two-month contribution from Pharmacia Biotech. The healthcare division benefited from strong sales of Myoview, its heart-imaging agent, and of iodine seeds, a treatment for prostate cancer. However, *sales of iodine seeds, 89 per* cent higher at £9.8 million, were held back by production problems.

Mr Castell gave warning that Japan's recent move to ask patients to bear a greater share of healthcare costs has already cut sales by 4 to 5 per cent. He expects a flat year in Japan next year. The life science division saw the strongest growth from its genetic sequencing business, where *sales grew 43 per cent*.

As previously announced, Nycomed Amersham is not paying an interim dividend.

Bill Castell sees "immense excitement for the merger"

Sedgwick looks for strategic deal

By Marianne Curphey, insurance correspondent

SEDGWICK GROUP said yesterday it would look at any deal that was in *the strategic* interests of the company and added value for shareholders.

The insurance broker is the subject of bid speculation, with Marsh & McLennan and Aon named as possible suitors. In addition, Sedgwick has hinted that it would consider a merger with Willis Corroon, a *rival, although the latter has* said it intends to remain independent.

Announcing a modest rise in nine-month profits, Sedgwick said that there were still no signs of an end to the tough conditions plaguing the sector. Overcapacity and falling rates continue to haunt the *broking industry, with mar*kets around the world remaining under pressure. Pre-tax profits for the period were £82 million, against £80.4 million for the corresponding period in 1996.

The strength of sterling had an adverse effect of £9.2 million on pre-tax profit, and *shares fell 1p to 117½p*. Rob White-Cooper, chief executive, said: "I do not think there is any indication anywhere of markets turning. I think it is true to say *that there is still* a great deal of capacity in the market."

Antitrust lawsuit attacked by Microsoft

From Oliver August
in New York

MICROSOFT has launched a stinging attack on the US Justice Department in response to an antitrust lawsuit that calls for a $1 million-per-day fine on the US software house.

The group alleged that it had been harmed by the Justice Department, which *published confidential docu*ments supplied in response to a request for information. It said: "Within minutes after the Justice Department filed its petition, antitrust chief Joel Klein was addressing a press conference and quoting liberally from one of the documents Microsoft had designated as confidential."

The department will respond to Microsoft's allegation when the case is heard in a federal court in Washington on December 5. The case focuses on Microsoft's attempt to make its Internet software an industry standard.

Critics fear that Microsoft is poised to dominate the Internet in the same way it has monopolised the market *for operating systems on per*sonal computers.

The Internet software is part of Microsoft's Windows 95 programme. The company *said*: "The central fact to bear in mind is that Microsoft does nothing to prevent other companies from developing superior alternatives to Windows 95. As yet, nobody has succeeded but that does not mean that large and powerful companies like IBM, *Netscape, Oracle and Sun* Microsystems are not trying."

Microsoft said the department's actions are aimed at stalling the development of *the Windows software and* should be thrown out of court.

GTE keeps options open on MCI bid

From Oliver August in New York

GTE, the US telephones group *that co-operated with BT in* the battle to acquire MCI, yesterday refused to rule out making a hostile bid to thwart WorldCom's $37 billion agreed offer.

Wall Street analysts said a new GTE bid was not as unlikely as MCI had suggested on Monday, when it accepted WorldCom's offer. WorldCom had raised its bid from $30 billion to $37 billion, making a comeback for GTE from its *$28 billion offer very costly*.

A GTE spokesman yesterday said: "We have not announced any changes to our position."

BT, which had made its own $24 billion bid, has agreed to *sell its 20 per cent MCI stake* to WorldCom for $7 billion in cash, thereby ruling itself out of the bid battle. BT has also accepted payment of a $465 million fee for the break-up of its planned merger with MCI.

If MCI were to accept a raised GTE offer, MCI would, under the takeover contract, have to pay WorldCom $1.2 billion for reneging on the agreement. But GTE could be helped by the volatility of *WorldCom's share price. Its* stock swap offer will decline in value if the price falls below $29. The shares fell from $33 to $31 on Monday and declined another $1 yesterday.

Former minister is made JKX chairman

By Chris Ayres

LORD FRASER of Carmyllie, the former Energy Minister, yesterday succeeded Sir Robert Horton, the chairman of Railtrack, as non-executive chairman of JKX, the oil and gas exploration company.

Sir Robert abruptly resigned from JKX last month after it fought off a £54 million takeover bid from Ramco Energy.

Lord Fraser, a director of Elf *UK, is understood to be receiv*ing only half the £46,000 salary paid to Sir Robert.

JKX is becoming increasingly influenced by Ukragazprom, the Ukrainian state-owned oil and gas company, which effectively scuppered Ramco's bid by buying a large stake in JKX. Ukragazprom is thought to be behind the resignations yesterday of two JKX directors, David Boyd *and John Kenny*.

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Virgin Radio ruling delayed

THE PROPOSED takeover of Virgin Radio by Capital Radio, which has infuriated rivals of the two stations and threatened to put Chris Evans, the flame-haired presenter, out of a job, has been put on *hold* for another three weeks (Chris Ayres writes).

Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, yesterday called for an extension of the time allowed for the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to put forward their report into the planned £87 million acquisition. The MMC began compiling its report at the end of July.

The extension of the deadline was greeted by the two stations as possible evidence that Mrs Beckett was not convinced by the arguments against the takeover, which will make Capital the largest commercial radio station in the UK. A key issue is whether companies will then see Capital as the only London radio station worth buying advertising *space from*.

Mr Evans, on a ten-week contract to present Virgin's breakfast show, believes he could be fired if the takeover proceeds.

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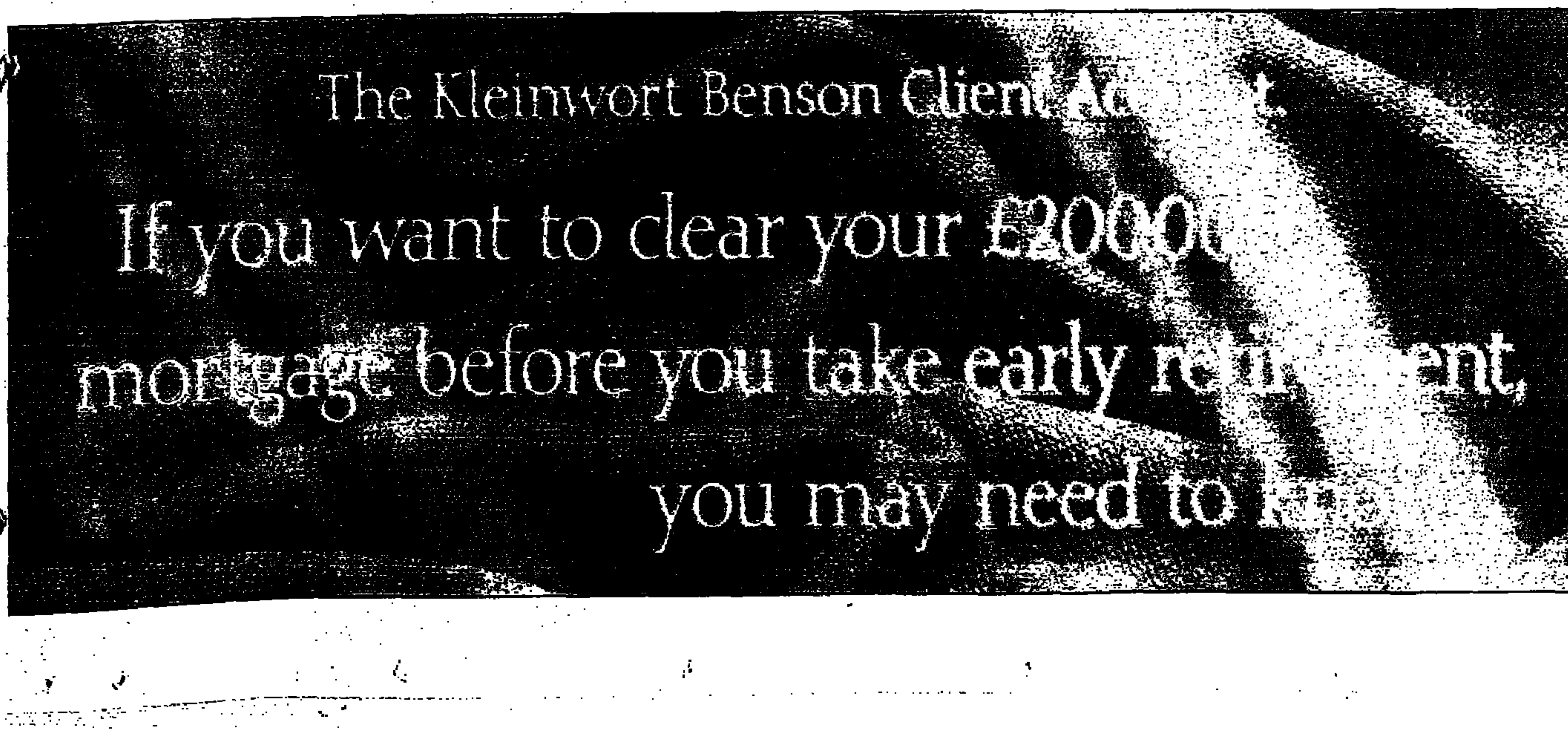
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STOCK MARKET

MICHAEL CLARK

Shares falter on fears of further interest rate rises

CITY investors were running for cover, with the prospect of further interest rates rises now almost inevitable.

Yesterday's rise in the inflation rate to its highest level for more than two years prompted City economists to begin warning of the consequences of the economy's trend. Gavyn Davies, at Goldman Sachs, told the CBI he saw interest rates rising to 8 per cent by the spring. Richard Jeffrey, at Charterhouse, the merchant bank, has been warning of inflationary pressures for some time and forecasting 8 per cent base rates before Christmas. "We need to know if they are going to raise rates in December and by how much. The Bank of England needs to become more aggressive. I would like to see it raise rates by half a point next month," he said.

It did little for market confidence, although prices did close above their worst levels of the day after an early markdown. London enjoyed a late rally on the back of an opening rise by the Dow Jones industrial average. The FTSE 100 index clawed back an early 52-point deficit to finish 13.1 down at 4,793.7. Turnover was a lacklustre 762 million shares.

The recovery in high street sales during October did little to reassure brokers, who saw it as too little, too late. Nick Bubb, retail analysts at Société Génerale Strauss Turnbull, the broker, wasted little time in downgrading the sector from "positive" to "neutral".

Falls were seen in **Great Universal Stores**, 5½p to 682½p, **Dixons**, 18p to 690p, and **Courts (Furnishers)** 11p to 481½p.

Some of the biggest turnover was seen in **British Telecom**, down 8½p at 456½p as London investors turned sellers in the wake of the WorldCom-MCI deal.

Cable & Wireless firmed 3½p to 485p amid hopes that BT will make a bid. Speculative buying also lifted **Securicor** 3p to 286½p. Now that BT is flushed with cash after the sale of its 20 per cent stake in MCI, hopes are high that it may spend some of it buying Securicor's 40 per cent stake in Cellnet, the mobile phone operator.

Brokers took full-year figures from **Allied Domecq** in their stride. But the price rose 27p to 508p after the group indicated it may be considering a demerger in the face of the posed Guinness-Grand Metropolitan merger. Some City speculators have suggested Allied may link up with Seagram, the Canadian wine and spirits group. **GrandMet** finished 2p firmer at 546½p, while **Guinness** was 2p dearer at 547p.

Barclays Bank was 9p off at £15.03 after Andrew Buxton, chairman, ruled out the possibility of a merger with **NatWest Group**, up 14p at 866p. He refused to comment on reports that the group had approached **Legal & General**, up 5p at 488p.

Scottish Media, the independent television broadcaster, stood out with a rise of 11p at 676p after the company's own broker upgraded its recommendation for the shares from a "hold" to a "buy". But **Spirax Sarco** dropped 13½p to 651½p after SBC Warburg Dillon Read, the broker, downgraded its recommendation on the shares from a "hold" to a "sell".

Shares of **Industrial Control Services** dropped 6½p to 49p on the back of a profits warning.

The insurance composites continued to fall from grace. **Royal & Sun Alliance**, which reported last week, fell 2p to 547p, after NatWest Markets, the broker, dropped the shares from its list of favourite stocks. Falls were also seen in **General Accident**, down 13p at 972p, and **Commercial Union**, 25p off at 800p. Brokers such as Crédit Lyonnais Laing have been saying for some time that the absence of any takeover moves means that the composites are overvalued.

Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, the broker, put the boot into the housebuilders by suggesting that the number of houses being built had declined and that house price inflation had already slowed from 6 per cent to 5 per cent. It lowered its recommendation for **George Wimpey**, 1½p easier at 115p, from "add" to "hold" along with **Redrow**, 6p off at 156p. **Barratt Developments**, 2½p softer at 256p, has been moved from "hold" to "sell".

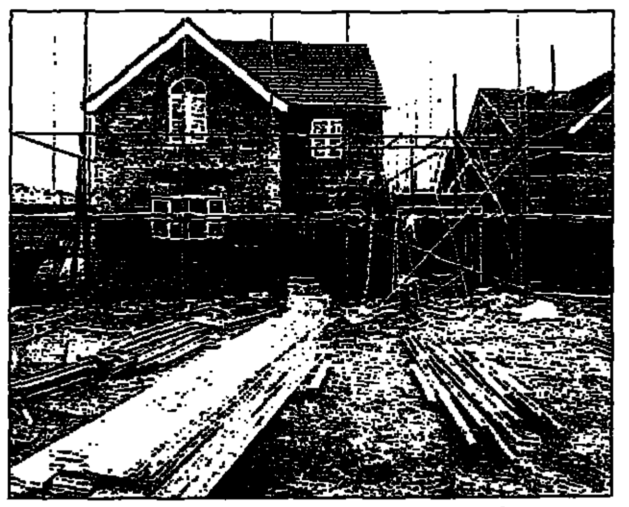
News of the bid approach enabled **Menvier Swain** to enjoy one of the best gains among the top 350 companies, with the price leaping 49p, or 24 per cent to 254p. In September, shares of the electrical equipment group were hit by a profits warning.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** The latest inflation numbers took their toll on the bond market by increasing fears about the prospect of further interest rate rises. Prices at the longer end of the market were left nursing falls of up to £1.

In the futures pit, the December series of the long gilt shed £$^{23}/_{32}$ to close at £117⅝ in thin trading that saw just 57,000 contracts completed.

Among conventional issues, Treasury 8 per cent 2021 tumbled £$^{31}/_{32}$ to £117$^{11}/_{32}$, while in shorts Treasury 7 per cent 2002 was £$^{5}/_{32}$ off at £100$^{11}/_{32}$.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Gains on Wall Street were tempered by a sell-off in Caterpillar after a broker downgraded the stock. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 14.98 points higher at 7,567.57.



Shares in leading builders dipped on a negative report

RECENT stock market volatility is starting to make investors think twice about where they spend their money. That could turn out to be good news for the supermarket chains.

Safeway led the way higher with a jump of 15½p to 395p, while news of Tesco's £700 million expansion programme in central Europe added 9½p to its shares at 475½p. There were also gains for Asda, 2½p to 160½p, and William Morrison Supermarkets, 1p to 206½p.

Goldman Sachs, the US securities house, started the ball rolling with some positive comments to clients about the sector and its defensive qualities. Société Générale Strauss Turnbull, the broker, and rival UBS have also taken a positive line on Tesco and its expansion plans.

But there was little joy for Kwik Save, which continues to be caught in the crossfire bwtween the big guns and the food discounters at the bottom end of the market. Its shares finished 1p softer at 327½p after ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker, began making bearish noises to clients.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	7567.57 (+14.98)
S&P Composite	925.95 (+4.82)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	15867.23 (+170.03)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	10004.13 (+11.29)
Amsterdam:	
AEX Index	855.74 (-1.30)
Sydney:	
AO	2524.0 (+2.4)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	3731.08 (-21.45)
Singapore:	
Straits	1684.10 (+30.41)
Brussels:	
General	Closed
Paris:	
CAC-40	Closed
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	1149.60 (+6.40)
London:	
FT 30	3137.1 (+2.0)
FTSE 100	4793.7 (-13.1)
FTSE 250	4635.6 (-5.2)
FTSE 350	2321.9 (-5.6)
FTSE Eurotrack 100	2476.18 (-6.79)
FTSE All-Share	2275.74 (-5.17)
FTSE Non Financials	2308.84 (-4.86)
FTSE Fixed Interest	132.36 (-0.18)
FTSE Govt Secs	99.25 (-0.62)
Bargains	41409
SEAQ Volume	762.7m
US$	1.7042 (+0.0170)
German Mark	2.9169 (+0.0294)
Exchange Index	103.8 (+1.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.4762
£:SDR	1.2199
RPI	159.5 Oct (3.7%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	157.9 Oct (2.8%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Asset Mngmt Zero	101¼	+ ¼
BG "B"	29½	...
Buckland Inv Wrts	10	...
Buckland Invstmnts	17¼	...
Cresco Intl	153¼	...
Holmes Place	163½	- 1½
Latchways (155)	165	...
Leicester City	82½	- 5
Marlborough Intl	102½	...
Metalsrussia	86½	- 1
NSB Retail Sys	167½	...
Newsquest (250)	241½	...
Nottingham Frst (70)	59½	...
Nycomed Am N/V	2130	+ 30
SHL Group	281½	...
Ultraframe	177½	...
Weather Action	87½	...
Xaar	107½	- 1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Azlan n/p (37)	13½	...
Country Gdns n/p	6	+ 3
Jourdan T n/p (45)	4	+ 2
Meyer Intl n/p (360)	5½	- 3
Recognitn Sys n/p (21)	2¼	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Allied Domecq	508p (+27p)
Cable&Wire Coms	244p (+11p)
Safeway	395p (+15½p)
BTG	867p (+24½p)
Vodafone	342p (+10p)
Sappi	381½p (+11p)
Prudential	654p (+15p)
EMI	511p (+11p)
AB Food	512p (+10p)
Nat West	866p (+14p)
Domino	*408p (+18½p)*
FALLS:	
Royal & Sun Al	547p (-24p)
HIT Enter	*290p (-10p)*
Com Union	800p (-25p)
Reckitt Colm	829p (-23p)
Dixons Gp	690p (-18p)
Granada	805p (-16p)
ICI	865p (-15p)
Adam & Harvey	350p (-10p)
AIM Gp	394p (-11p)

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TEMPUS

Flight of fancy

SOME people think that Britain's regional airports are a treasure trove. Some people may be wrong. FirstBus is the preferred bidder for Bristol International Airport and it could end up paying some £40 million for a half share. Last year Bristol processed 1.4 million passengers, and it has big plans to build a terminal to accomodate three million; a scenario that raises the attractive prospect of spin-off profits from retailing.

The trouble is that all airports are unique and no airport is like Heathrow. Some regional airports, Liverpool, for example, have never left the runway because of the proximity of a larger, more succesful competitor, such as Manchester. BAA has never made a great success of Southampton and National Express will have its work cut out to make Bournemouth a winner. Bristol's catchment area is sufficiently affluent to develop reasonable holiday charter traffic, but the proximity of Cardiff poses a competitive threat.

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Airlines tend to flock together, seeking the lucrative transfer business that fills empty seats, hence the huge profitability of Heathrow. That poses another question about Bristol, which made about £3.50 per passenger last year, compared with BAA's £4.50 per passenger across its UK airports. Assuming a £40 million investment, FirstBus is valuing Bristol at 26 times earnings. You can buy BAA on a multiple of 14: reason enough to be sceptical about FirstBus.

Food retailers

SHOPKEEPERS love a good dose of inflation. It tends to flatter their earnings and by keeping staff costs under control, extra revenue can boost the bottom line. So, food retail shares jumped on news that food prices rose 1.4 per cent year-on-year, a welcome surprise after a full year of price deflation and thin gross margins.

The real good news is not the El Niño weather pattern putting up the price of a pound of spuds. The underlying dynamics of food retailing are looking better than for some time.

First, the strength of sterling has given the superstores buying power on the 20 per cent of their products which come from abroad.

Secondly, the intensity of the petrol retailing battle has abated, allowing the superstores some margin recovery on selling fuel.

Finally, and most important, there is strong evidence of organic growth coming through in recent sales figures. Excluding inflation, volume growth in sales is trending above 3 per cent, well up with the growth in the underlying economy and a full point above 1996. That provides comfort to those who worry that the superstores have nowhere to go due to restrictions on out-of-town expansion.

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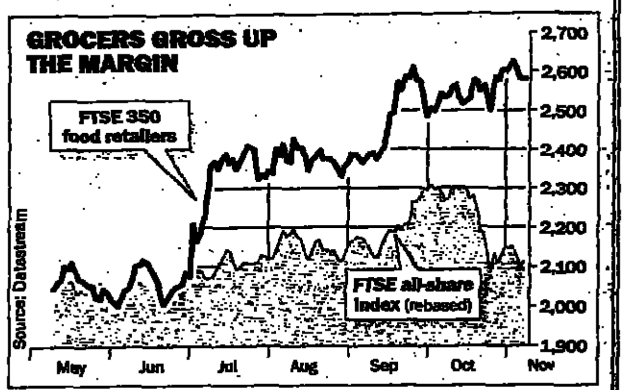

Nycomed Amersham

AMERSHAM International was a difficult company to understand at the best of times, involved in iodine seeds and gene sequencing. After a complex series of mergers, the group's results have become almost meaningless. On the company's (favourable) reading of its interim figures, profits are up by 57 per cent, sales by 47 per cent, and earnings by 40 per cent. However, ignore the Pharmacia deal and a Japanese joint venture and include effects of currency changes and restructuring costs, and a less flattering picture emerges. Sales by "old" Amersham grew by only 2 per cent, while profits rose 3 per cent.

The underlying business looks strong, and the enlarged group has big opportunities in areas such as ultrasound imaging and genetic analysis. However, there are risks too: Nycomed's X-ray imaging business will have to continue cutting prices, while Japan's new cost consciousness will hold back the healthcare business next year.

This column was premature in July when it advised taking profits when Amersham's shares were around £17. They are now at £22.22½, but the City is taking the synergies and £100 million of annual savings on trust, while ignoring potential problems. Any upside is priced in the shares; investors should sell and look for better value elsewhere.

General Accident

IN AN IDEAL world, a composite insurer's portfolio would be weighted heavily towards life and pensions. GA's experience suggests that many Britons put their windfall building society profits into a long-term savings plan. GA's long term life product has put on sales of nearly 50 per cent in just three months — a level that the company admits is unsustainable.

Unfortunately, total premiums from life business for the nine-month period make up only a quarter of its business portfolio. The remainder comes from general business, whose trading conditions, which were hardly rosy before, appear to be worsening.

Fears that there are tough times ahead for insurers heavily weighted towards general insurance sent shares in the sector tumbling yesterday.

GA has been trying to improve its margins in this area by putting up premiums wherever possible. In spite of this, UK motor and household insurance is still a bad business to be in, and will remain so until the weak players withdraw their capital from the market or get taken over. In the meantime, avoid the shares.

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LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt	Dec 97	118-13	118-13	117-18	117-20	58553
Previous open interest 188372	Mar 98	118-28	118-29	118-07	118-07	1575
German Govt Bond (Bund)	Dec 97	102.61	102.67	102.52	102.56	35208
Previous open interest 268350	Mar 98	101.93	101.93	101.90	101.89	382
German Govt Bond (Bobl)	Dec 97	103.44	103.45	103.34	103.36	2955
Previous open interest 22360	Mar 98	102.75	102.75	102.75	102.68	1
Italian Govt Bond (BTP)	Dec 97	111.44	111.60	111.44	111.53	12449
Previous open interest 115321	Mar 98	111.68	111.70	111.68	111.72	20
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Dec 97	130.10	130.18	130.05	130.10	1638
	Mar 98	129.25	129.27	129.21	129.24164	
Three Mth Sterling	Dec 97	92.39	92.39	92.30	92.31	21795
	Mar 98	92.27	92.28	92.16	92.17	37503
Previous open interest 720676	Jun 98	92.27	92.28	92.12	92.15	34406
Three Mth Euromark	Dec 97	96.19	96.19	96.16	96.17	15657
Previous open interest 1811687	Mar 98	95.91	95.93	95.88	95.90	21032
Three Mth Eurolira	Dec 97	93.62	93.62	93.54	93.57	11887
Previous open interest 505179	Mar 98	94.33	94.33	94.26	94.29	14092
Three Mth Euroswiss	Dec 97	97.90	97.90	97.85	97.87	5499
Previous open interest 191381	Mar 98	97.70	97.70	97.65	97.67	5973
Three Mth ECU	Dec 97	95.32	95.33	95.28	95.31	381
Previous open interest 36742	Mar 98	95.24	95.24	95.21	95.22	197
FTSE 100	Dec 97	4830.0	4842.0	4777.0	4822.0	6576
Previous open interest 74165	Mar 98	4873.0	4873.0	4873.0	4866.0	200

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 7¼ Finance Hse 7¼

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7½ Low 6½ Week fixed: 7¼

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible]. Sell: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth: [illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open [illegible] close [illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.60	n/a	5.73	5.78	5.94
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4-3
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2¼-2	[illegible]
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $310.00-310.30 Close: $311.70-312.20 High: $313.70-314.20
Low: $309.20-309.70 AM: $310.60 PM: $312.65

Krugerrand: $311.25-313.25 (£182.75-184.75)

Platinum: $391.50 (£229.75) Silver: $4.94 (£2.895) Palladium: $209.00 (£122.65)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Nov 11	Range	Close	*1 month*	*3 month*
Amsterdam	3.2719-3.2884	3.2861-3.2884	1¼-1pr	3¼-3pr
Brussels	59.870-60.200	60.092-60.180	22-17pr	58-51pr
Copenhagen	11.043-11.101	11.092-11.101	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dublin	1.1139-1.1222	1.1179-1.1221	13-7pr	39-33pr
Frankfurt	2.9032-2.9174	2.9143-2.9174	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	296.17-297.82	297.51-297.82	[illegible]	[illegible]
Madrid	245.15-246.35	246.03-246.23	52-41pr	155-136pr
Milan	2846.4-2860.0	2854.7-2858.4	22-6pr	71-48pr
Montreal	2.3920-2.3990	2.3955-2.3974	0.76-0.70pr	1.48-1.40pr
New York	1.7018-1.7064	1.7035-1.7043	0.268-0.247pr	0.75-0.72pr
Oslo	11.851-11.925	11.909-11.923	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	9.7180-9.7725	9.7628-9.7725	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockholm	12.698-12.761	12.743-12.758	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tokyo	212.53-213.43	213.02-213.29	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	20.427-20.534	20.511-20.534	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zurich	2.3653-2.3820	2.3737-2.3766	[illegible]	[illegible]

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.4285-1.4295
Austria	12.03-12.04
Belgium (Com)	35.25-35.29
Canada	1.4057-1.4062
Denmark	6.5116-6.5136
France	5.7240-5.7260
Germany	1.7107-1.7114
Hong Kong	7.7323-7.7333
Ireland	1.5221-1.5241
Italy	*1675.75-1676.75*
Japan	124.89-124.99
Malaysia	3.3000-3.3300
Netherlands	1.9290-1.9295
Norway	6.9775-6.9795
Portugal	174.57-174.67
Singapore	1.5735-1.5750
Spain	144.40-144.50
Sweden	7.4879-7.4929
Switzerland	1.3936-1.3946

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.7020-1.7048
Australia dollar	2.4300-2.4331
Bahrain dinar	0.6350-0.6490
*Brazil real**	*1.8855-1.8899*
China yuan	13.956-14.256
Cyprus pound	0.8505-0.8695
Finland markka	8.6725-8.8135
Greece drachma	450.0-460.5
Hong Kong dollar	13.1606-13.1717
India rupee	61.73-63.03
Indonesia rupiah	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.1905-0.5215
Malaysia ringgit	*5.6181-5.6376*
New Zealand dollar	2.7056-2.7112
Pakistan rupee	73.40 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.1325-6.2675
Singapore dollar	2.6784-2.6825
S Africa rand (com)	8.1160-8.2850
U A E dirham	6.1875-6.3235

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FTSE VOLUMES

3i	842	Legal & Gn	3,100
ASDA Gp	6,300	Lloyds TSB	6,900
Abbey Ntl	3,000	LucasVarity	3,100
Allnce & Leic	369	Marks Spr	7,300
Allied Dom	3,800	NatWst Bk	2,000
AB Foods	*399*	*Nat Grid*	*3,600*
BAA	2,700	Nat Power	2,300
BAT Inds	1,900	Next	1,100
BG	2,500	Norwich Un	4,500
BOC	533	Orange	3,700
BP	5,700	P & O	528
BSkyB	1,700	Pearson	1,100
BTR	9,900	PowerGen	1,300
BT	50,800	Prudential	1,500
Bk of Scot	*1,800*	*RMC*	*123*
Barclays	1,400	Railtrack	551
Bass	1,900	Rank Group	1,600
Billiton	1,700	Reckitt Col	1,400
Blue Circle	911	Reed Intl	2,000
Boots	1,200	Rentokil	3,100
BAe	1,100	Reuters	2,100
BA	1,600	Rio Tinto	2,600
British Land	838	Rolls Royce	3,100
Brit Steel	*99,800*	*Royal & Sun*	*4,400*
Cable Wire	4,300	Royal Bk Sct	702
Cadbury	1,600	Safeway	1,600
Carlton Cms	395	Sainsbury	3,300
Centrica	2,900	Schroders	45
Cm Union	1,500	Scot & New	830
Dixons	2,500	Scot Power	1,500
EMI	953	Svrn Trent	1,700
Energy Gp	972	Shell Trans	16,600
Enterpr Oil	*719*	*Siebe*	*521*
GKN	461	SmKl Bch	7,100
GRE	2,600	Smiths Inds	179
GUS	944	Std Chartd	2,500
Gen Acc	*1,500*	*Sun Life*	*1,200*
Gen Elec	7,400	TI Gp	240
Glaxo Well	5,100	Tesco	10,800
Granada	1,300	Thames W	1,100
Grand Met	6,000	Tomkins	7,900
Guinness	2,100	Unilever	9,200
HSBC	1,800	Utd Utilities	485
Halifax	2,300	Utd News	304
Hays	578	Vodafone	6,300
ICI	1,500	Whitbread	817
Kingfisher	1,100	Williams	1,600
LASMO	1,800	Wolseley	226
Ladbroke	817	Woolwich	1,000
Land Secs	*352*	*Zeneca*	*1,700*

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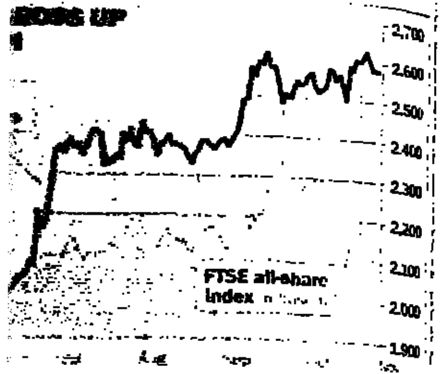

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WALL STREET

A question of mixing business and ethics

To most students, business and ethics are seen as opposing forces. During college days most students postpone so much as thinking about joining the rat race until the very last minute, in the full knowledge that they will all-too-soon be spat out the other end of the education system in a pinstripe suit.

But when it comes to the stage of drafting CVs, more sober questions of business life present themselves. How will I earn money? What will I be asked in interviews if this application succeeds?

With these, more brutish questions of business begin to filter through. What if it was me? If I was in charge of Shell: should I blow up the Brent Spar oil rig in the ocean or ship it back home and bury the remains somewhere in Dorset? Should supermarkets shut down small stores and erode local communites or deny customers savings that an out-of-town store could provide? Tough questions, but the sort of dilemmas being presented to students in this year's *Times* Ethics Competition, now in its third year. The first prize is £5,000.

This year's problem is familiar. Your company, Biggins International, has been creating jobs and prosperity in a faraway country for many years. Through diplomacy with its leaders and honesty with workers, you have developed a profitable business that leads the growth in the economy.

Then trouble breaks out. The newfound prosperity in the country, which your company has helped to create, is envied by the local military. *Its vulnerable Government is overthrown and the country falls to a harsh military junta.*

The result isn't pretty. The coup leaders care little for human rights and commit atrocities with impunity. Back home, Britain is looking to Biggins International to take action. Surely, with your economic power, you can do something to help? Pressure groups urge you to pull out altogether and wash your hands of a nation which has, in international eyes, receded into violent anarchy.

A tough problem. Withdrawing altogether would not exactly make life better for your workers, who would be left without a job as well as being left to the mercies of the new regime. *Picking a fight with military* dictators in the public gaze would probably be applauded as a tough line by critics at home, but the new rulers are unlikely to be shown cowering to foreigners.

undergraduate business ethics competition

Behind-the-scenes diplomacy, meanwhile, will do nothing to clear your name in the UK, and the workers will be concerned that you are snuggling up to the regime that is threatening their families.

Yet something must be done. This year, *The Times* and NatWest are asking students to come up with their own solutions. The competition is open to all, and encyclopaedic knowledge of business offers no advantage because entries will be marked on reasoning and moral judgment rather than technical knowledge. The entries, which *should be kept to* 1,000 words, will be reduced to a shortlist of six and the authors will be invited to discuss the ideas with a panel of judges chaired by Derek Wanless, chief executive of NatWest Group.

John Monks, General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress, and Patience Wheatcroft, Business & City Editor of *The Times*, will also be on the panel.

Last year's winning entry was written by Owain Evans, who picked up a brochure in his local NatWest bank while still a sixth former. The economics student, who had not studied business ethics, walked off with £3,000, while winning the same amount for his college.

The preceding year, the competition was won by Chris Ayres, then a Politics student at Hull University and now a business news reporter on *The Times*. He used the money to take a postgraduate journalism course and learn about business *journalism*.

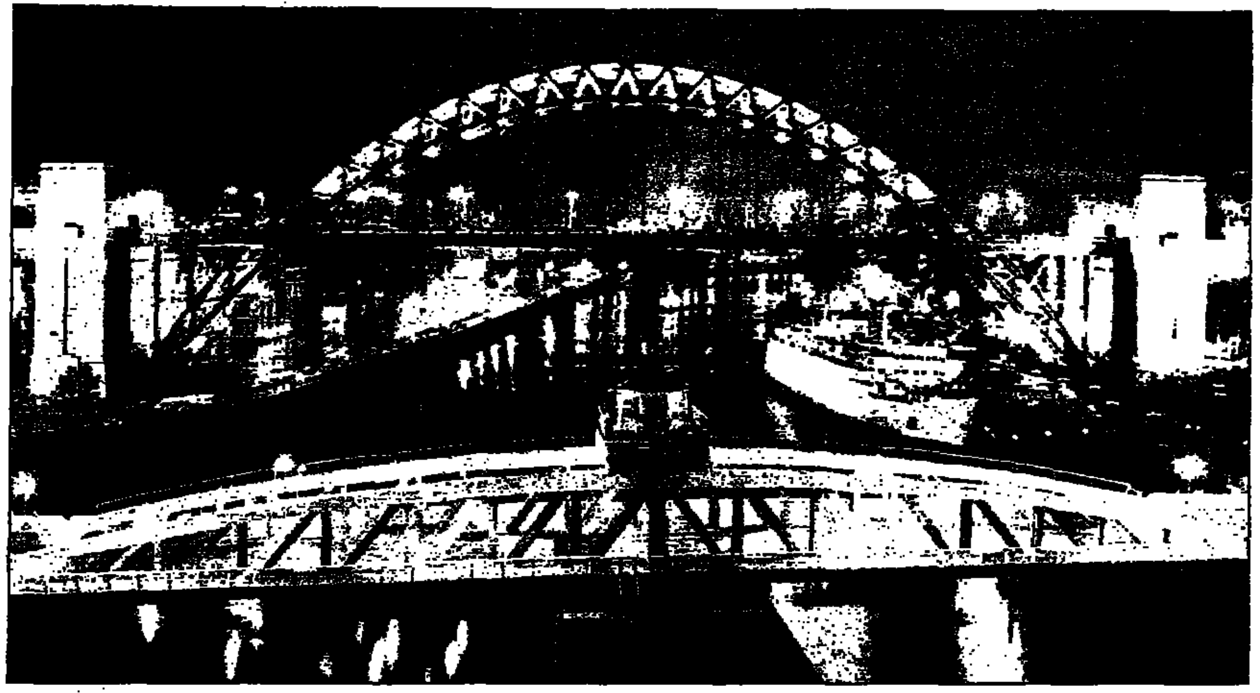
Neither of the previous winners spent weeks pondering the right answers. Owain Evans said he spent a couple of days on research, and then two or three hours knocking out the essay.

Entry forms are available from NatWest branches or by writing to Room 217, 41 Lothbury, London, EC2 2BP. The closing date is February 27.

FRASER NELSON

Making an escape from high, long-term unemployment

David Blunkett, the Employment Secretary, will tomorrow launch the Government's Welfare to Work project in the London Borough of Lambeth. Philip Bassett, *The Times* Industrial Editor, sees some potential prototypes in action.



On the banks of the Tyne, apprentices are being taken on by a company training young people for Swan Hunter and other firms

"Today we came out — and started work. Started work on a *real job*." *With astonishment* in his voice, this is Martin Davies, an ex-steelworker. Now, at 37, he sits in a dusty shed, eating his lunchtime sandwiches in his first week as a member of what will be the Government's Welfare to Work environmental taskforce.

Keith Faulkner, an ex-miner, is squatting next to him by the recreation ground in the village of Kilnhurst, South Yorkshire, that once had a mine and a steelworks. Both have been unemployed for years. Mr Faulkner says: "We've got the chance to do us own village up, and look after us own place."

The Government will today announce the latest fall in unemployment, and tomorrow David Blunkett, Employment Secretary, will be in Lambeth, south London, to launch Labour's new eal Welfare to Work programme in one of its 12 pilot areas. The £3.5 billion programme, funded by the windfall tax on the privatised utilities, aims to help an unspecified number of the long-term adult unemployed and 250,000 young people, aged 18 *to 24, who have been out of* work for at least six months. It will take them off benefit and into one of four options: a job, with a £60 a week subsidy for the employers; full-time education and training; work with the voluntary sector; or work on the environmental taskforce. There will be no fifth option of remaining on benefit.

The ten Kilnhurst trainees think that is hard. Tracy Bennett, 18, has tried office work, hairdressing and other jobs. "No benefit is pretty tough. It's not necessary," she argues. Under the programme they are on, run by Groundwork, an environmental partnership, the trainees get £120 a week. They feel they are contributing to their village. They have the status of being in work — and are often the only people in their families earning a wage. The programme is likely to be transformed into one of the Government's environmental taskforce (ETF) options.

Groundwork believes participants will eventually be able to get landscaping jobs, or start their own landscaping firms. But voluntary workers worry that the last two of the four options will become sink options for the least qualified. Jack McBane, Groundwork's Dearne Valley executive director, says: "The worry is that the thunderheads will come on to ETF, while the better ones go into a job."

Rotherham near by, where *another ew eal pilot scheme is* operating, has been blasted by industrial change. Over the past 15 years, mining jobs in this old steel and coal area fell 90 per cent. *The town has the* highest unemployment rate in Yorkshire, at 10.7 per cent — twice the national average. Up to 1,500 18 to 24-year-olds are *expected* to enter the programme there in the first six months. Almost half have no qualifications. Three quarters have no experience of work at all. In addition, more than 2,300 older long-term unemployed will fall into the target group.

John Healey, elected in May as the MP for neighbouring Wentworth, says: "If the new deal is going to work as the Government wants, it has to have an impact in an area like Rotherham." Chris Mallender, Rotherham council's assistant chief executive, says: "The problem is that we have not yet developed an economy here in a way that creates alternative options to coal and steel." But they are trying. Rotherham's QMAT Programme Centre is, according to Peter Little, the Government's Employment Service district manager, a blueprint for the new deal's "gateway" element, which will sift unemployed people into one of the four options as well as offering help with job application techniques and remedial reading and writing.

Equally, the local training and enterprise council and chamber of commerce run a successful direct recruitment programme, which offers employers a job subsidy of £120 a week for six months. Jane Wheelhouse, who runs the programme, says 249 local people are still in jobs it provided since its launch last year. Ann Ratcliffe of Beechcliffe, a local firm, says: "Without the wage subsidy we would not have been able to train our staff as we have."

But the leader of one Tec talks of real fears about the outcome of the new deal programme: of unpreparedness; of the inadequacy of the Employment Service to run it; of worries about the possible creaming off of funds by private sector firms moving *into lead positions within it*; of the potential for fraud; of government officials caring about numbers rather than of the quality of the programme; of local organisations now deciding whether they should take part in something with such potential problems.

Smith: commitment

Healey: must make impact

Andrew Smith, Employment Minister, says: "We are on course. There is an enormous amount of very energetic commitment to the new deal going on — a number of organisations, including private sector firms, coming together to make a sucess of it."

Evidence from business seems to confirm that. Two thirds of companies polled by the Confederation of British Industry supported the Government using additional tax revenues to help the long-term *unemployed*. Adair Turner, CBI Director-General, said yesterday: "Business is supporting the Government's Welfare to Work initiative."

Some business is not waiting for the Government's programme. On the banks of the Tyne, apprentices are being taken on by Tyneside Maritime and Engineering, which trains young people — 80 so far — for the Swan Hunter shipyard and other firms.

Barry Johnson, managing director of A&P, *the Wallsend* shiprepairers, says: "The idea of TME is that we train for the river so that people are flexible and not just suited for one company." *A&P's yards* are buzzing. A roll-on, roll-off ferry is being converted to a floating casino destined for the coast off Florida and young people are grinding engine parts in the repair shed. Yet adverts for skilled workers *produced 8,000 applicants*. Mr Johnson says: "Welfare to Work — that doesn't really affect us: we need skilled workers." The local JobCentre *is pushing jobs at £3 an hour.*

In the west end of Newcastle, deprivation is staggering: metalled shop windows, crime, drug and alchohol abuse, people flitting houses when their debt problems pile up, and male unemployment at 43 per cent.

Here agencies such the Employment Service have all but given up: to people in Benwell, many second or third-generation unemployed, the ES is the police, hammering at your benefit, about as likely to help you through the new deal as Nissan, Siemens or the Metro shopping centre getting in touch to offer you that job you've always wanted. People such as Cath Cook and Tony Mason, working on the programme, do what they can for unemployed in Benwell, helping those too distrustful now of mainstream and official agencies to move towards jobs. John Philippson, 25, a George Michael lookalike, says: "Everybody round here is on the dole." He praises the Workfinder programme's one-to-one help, which the new deal's "gateway" will emulate. His friend, Des Gibbons, agrees. "I've been on job training schemes before," he says. "They're a waste of time. This is a lot better. You can talk to one person about your problems, not get ten answers from ten different people."

Both have been in bad jobs, *and mostly out of work, since* leaving school. As they spoke, they were about to head off to new jobs, found through the programme. Today they are in *the Canary Isles, working as* travel couriers. Attractive — but it means leaving their homes, families, and friends. And even as the price of escape *from high, long-term and* multi-generational unemployment, that is hard.

But in Newcastle, Rotherham, and the other areas *where ministers hope the new* deal will make a real difference, they know that being out of work is harder.

JANET BUSH

Central banks move into the spotlight

Central bankers assume centre stage on both sides of the Atlantic today with publication of the Bank of England's quarterly *Inflation Report* and the conclusion of the meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee.

It is tempting to argue that, if the Bank decided it was safe to raise interest rates last week despite stock market wobbles, the Fed may feel the same way. After all, there is nobody more aware than Alan Greenspan of the dangers of overestimating the deflationary impact of a large stock market correction. *It was, of course,* he who presided over the monetary policy loosening that followed the 1987 crash and the subsequent surge in price pressures.

Nevertheless, there are good reasons to think that an American rate rise at this juncture would be a far riskier proposition than the British monetary tightening of last week, which pushed sterling a touch higher but caused not a murmur elsewhere in the world economy. A rise in US rates could have much more far-reaching consequences, not least in Hong Kong and those economies in Latin America that have invested so much faith in the credibility conferred by maintaining currency pegs against the dollar.

> Burden of managing the macroeconomy should not fall on the MPC alone

The Fed does not want to trigger another fall in the stock markets or currencies of these emerging markets. Latin America, America's economic backyard, has already caught the selling contagion from the Far East, interest rates have risen and growth forecasts are being scaled back. Much has been made of the fact that British companies have an unusually large exposure to the crisis in the Far East, but this is *negligible compared with* the effect that weaker growth in Latin America would have for the US.

Wall Street is perceived to *be much more overvalued* than stocks in London and the Fed is unlikely to be as relaxed about the potential impact on share prices of a *rate rise as the Bank proved* to be last week. And there is another big difference between the Fed and the Bank's monetary policy *committee (MPC). The Fed* has built up over years a large fund of credibility for its handling of monetary matters and feels no pressure to prove it is "ahead of the curve" on interest rates as the MPC clearly does.

In Britain, the City is eagerly waiting to read the fine print of the *Inflation Report* for hints on whether the quarter-point rise in base rates last week is deemed likely to be enough to hit the inflation target, or whether there are likely to be more rate rises in the pipeline.

It is difficult to call, not least because sterling's appreciation has not had its normal economic effects. Exports have been remarkably resilient. It is hard for the *CBI to howl about higher* rates given, for example, October's purchasing managers' survey, which showed manufacturing activity rising *to its highest level* for six months and the first increase in export volumes since June.

Neither has the pound worked its usual magic on inflation as lower producer prices feed through to keener pricing on the high street. This week's producer prices figures looked benign, yesterday's retail prices were disappointing. If the pound is neither crippling exporters, nor exerting downward pressure on prices, the MPC may feel that it doesn't really stand in the way of more rate rises to rein back consumers.

Nevertheless, it would be wrong to bash industry unnecessarily. In all the current debate about where rates are headed, fiscal policy has scarcely had a mention. Yet higher taxes would arguably be much more effective in taking the heat out of the consumer economy than interest rate rises, and they would avoid pushing up sterling to the potential detriment of business. The economy may well slow healthily of its own accord, but if it doesn't, fiscal policy ought to be *on the agenda as another* weapon in the macroeconomic armoury.

By convention, the Bank does not comment on fiscal policy, *although there are* now influential voices within the Bank arguing that it should. Fiscal and monetary policy ought to be looked at *together, despite the institutional* separation of responsibilities now established between the Bank and the Treasury. The whole burden *of managing the macro*economy ought not to fall on the MPC.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Taylor made

A LIGHT-HEARTED quiz for our readers. Which bank is taking out full-page advertisements giving warning that "the single European currency is planned to start in less than 300 working days. We'll make sure you don't get left behind"? And the chief executive of which bank said, on March 26: "Britain should not go into EMU in the foreseeable future ... *European* politicians should have the courage either to go forward with a small euro-zone or postpone the project altogether"?

And, on May 28, that "it is the duty of currency speculators to blow them [fixed exchange rates] apart. I think there is a much lower chance of EMU happening on time today ... and more worryingly there is a much higher chance of bad EMU happening"? And who said two days ago at the CBI that EMU "is a wonderful project, but it has fundamental flaws at the moment."? The answers are Barclays Bank, Martin Taylor at Barclays Bank, Martin Taylor, and Martin Taylor. Only three out of four for consistency, surely? "We're taking a pragmatic approach," says the bank. "That's not at all inconsistent with our chief executive warning of what the problems might be."

"We call him RPI as we can never get him to stay down"

- *IT HAD to happen. A British Airways 747-400 was on the Singapore route, displaying the infamous new "aboriginal" logo. After several weeks a local air traffic controller pointed to the new squiggles on the tailfin and asked the captain airily just why the words "heart attack" were displayed there in Chinese ideograms. I am told BA had to take the craft in for a repaint.*

Crossed wires

JOHN BIRT'S vision of a non-stop, interactive media future came unstuck yesterday when the BBC chief was blanked off the screens at the Confederation of British Industry. My spies tell me Birt spoke in raptures, if, indeed, a Dalek can sound rapturous, about the wonders of digital TV and the coming multi-media world. The trouble was that word had gone out at the breakfast briefing that he didn't want to be filmed. *His crew were be*mused. His office then blamed confusion at the Birmingham conference, insisting he put out no such ban.

- *SOUNDS like a lucky escape to me, but a business conference is somewhat miffed with a government refusal to field any ministers this week to talk to them about the euro. The UK 200 Group, which consists of accountants working for small and medium-sized businesses, says the DTI and Treasury seem too tied up with the CBI. Instead they have lined up Bill Robinson of London Economics, a Eurosceptic and former adviser to Norman Lamont, and David Heathcoat-Amory, Shadow Treasury Secretary and even less fond of the euro. Nothing like a balanced view.*

Wanted

ARE you vaguely left of centre, a clever money-man and keen on lost causes? I have just the job for you. The Liberal Democrats are head-hunting for a new chief executive to manage the finances and administrative and *personnel functions*. The City is a favoured hunting ground. Tim Clement-Jones, chairman of the party's federal *finance and administration* committee, wants a candidate with general commercial awareness, coupled with a "strong financial control and *budgeting background*".

Salary negotiable. Paddy Ashdown had some rude things to say yesterday about an anonymous donor who offered *a seven-figure sum to* party coffers before the election. The new money-man might have other ideas.

MARTIN WALLER

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Analysts cast shadow over increased GA profits

By Marianne Curphey, insurance correspondent

STRONG sales of life and pensions products provided a boost for General Accident's profits but failed to lift its share price yesterday as analysts gave warning that there are tough times ahead for UK composites.

GA's shares tumbled 22p to 966p, while those in fellow insurer Commercial Union dropped 17p to 808p. This was despite a 23 per cent increase in GA's nine-month profits to a record £124 million (£118 million) and an increase in pre-tax profits from £311 million to £384 million, meeting analysts' targets.

Operating earnings per share were 58.3p for the period (44p) and the strength of sterling knocked £9 million off operating profits. Much of the growth came from what Philip Twyman, group executive director of finance, called the "windfall effect".

Mr Twyman said that anecdotal evidence suggested that a large number of people used the windfall bonuses they received from building society conversions to buy a single premium savings product.

This had led to a 48 per cent increase in GA Life's core investment product, the Portfolio Bond, which had attracted £547 million in the nine-month period.

GA's £195 million acquisition of Provident Mutual in September 1995 had helped to increased profit from long-term business 26 per cent in the nine months, from £77 million to £97 million.

Although the market reacted negatively to comments in the composite's results about increased competition and attempts to put up premium rates, Steven Bird, insurance analyst at Merrill Lynch, is forecasting full-year pre-tax profits of £502 million (£421 million).

GA was less optimistic about prospects for personal motor and household insurance. Mr Twyman said: "We are selectively putting premium rates up and are prepared to lose business rather than follow the market down."

In the UK, GA's personal lines business posted underwriting profits of £15 million, down from £30 million a year earlier, while the personal motor account's underwriting deficit widened to £27 million, from £10 million.

The United States underwriting deficit in sterling terms over the nine months decreased from £96 million last time to £65 million.

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Ladbroke wins Cairo casino deal

LADBROKE, the hotel and gaming group, has won a concession to run the casino at the Nile Hilton in Cairo in competition with several other international gaming companies (Dominic Walsh writes).

The casino is understood to have 15 gaming tables and 18 slot machines aimed at international high-rolling gamblers. It is scheduled to reopen next month after extensive refurbishment.

Analysts welcomed the deal as further evidence of Ladbroke's international gaming ambitions. It has also pitched for five casino licences in South Africa.

ALAN WELLER

Brian Taylor, chief executive of Wardle Storeys, which overcame adverse trading conditions and the strong pound

Wardle Storeys defies elements

By Martin Barrow

WARDLE STOREYS, the parachutes and inflatable boats company, lifted pre-tax profits to £12.5 million from £10.5 million in the year to the end of August, in spite of difficult trading conditions in Europe and the adverse impact of the strong pound.

Two of the company's three divisions contributed a strong advance in operating profits. Technical products earned £6.4 million, up from £5 million, on sales that fell to £60.8 million, from £64.2 million. A significant reduction in overheads helped to offset problems caused by the strong pound.

Profits from the inflatable systems division rose 39.4 per cent to £2.5 million on sales that increased 35.6 per cent to £30.1 million. The division will benefit further from the £12.5 million acquisition of Dunlop Beaufort from BTR Industries, which was completed in August.

A third division, airborne systems, held profits unchanged at £3 million on sales that fell to £21.7 million from £24 million. The division suffered a setback in America when work on the US Defence Department's advanced tactical parachute system went elsewhere.

The total dividend at Wardle Storeys, where Brian Taylor is chief executive, rises 8 per cent to 20.5p a share, for a 14p final, payable from earnings of 32.6p (27.2p).

Iraqi troubles may benefit Umeco

McGowan: record orders

By Adam Jones

THE Ministry of Defence may ask for the production of aircraft refuelling units to be accelerated in response to the instability in Iraq.

Umeco, which makes the land-based vehicles, said yesterday that the ministry had asked about the possibility of speeding up their manufacture earlier this week.

Clive Snowdon, chief executive, said the company had a number of orders from the MoD for new and refurbished refuelers, but could not say how many. The MoD would not comment on "speculation" over its production schedules. Brian McGowan, chairman, said Umeco has record order books for the second half.

Umeco announced a doubling in pre-tax profits from an interim figure of £1 million in 1996 to £2.1 million in the six months to September 30. The figure includes a maiden contribution from GRP Material Supplies, bought in May, where operating profits were £700,000. Umeco's aerospace components distribution business recorded a 60 per cent rise in operating profits. Turnover increased 77 per cent to £22.8 million. An interim dividend of 2.1p (1.8p) will be paid on February 12.

Umeco's purchase of Med-Lab International, a distributor of minerals to the aerospace and petroleum industries, for £1.07 million cash left gearing at about 10 per cent.

Woolwich flotation chief quits

WOOLWICH, the former building society turned bank, yesterday announced the resignation of the director who managed its £8 billion stock market flotation (Richard Miles writes).

The bank said that Peter Burton, 46, director of group resources, had resigned for personal reasons after completing several major projects during ten years of service with the group.

His departure, described by the Woolwich as amicable, comes on the eve of a management restructuring that will effectively see his board position disappear and his responsibilities reallocated.

Mr Burton said: "The time is now right to look to new challenges." He is understood to have a new job lined up, but he is unwilling to disclose its nature. He will leave on December 17.

FirstBus set to take 51% airport stake

FIRSTBUS, the bus operator, is looking to the skies by taking a controlling stake in Bristol International Airport. It has been chosen as preferred buyer of a 51 per cent stake in the airport, the thirteenth-largest in the UK, by Bristol City Council, which will retain a 49 per cent interest.

Bristol International serves 1.5 million passengers a year. The council has plans to build a new terminal to increase capacity from 1.8 million to three million passengers a year. Included in the plans is the installation of all-weather landing instrumentation and a new diversion on the nearby A38 road.

In the year to April, Bristol International earned pre-tax profits of £5 million on turnover of £25.5 million.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

DCC dips in spite of good organic growth

DCC, the industrial holding group based in the Republic of Ireland, said that strong organic growth had been achieved in its four main divisions in the six months to September 30. Although interim pre-tax profits fell nearly 20 per cent to Ir£12.99 million (£11.8 million), from Ir£15.67 million, comparable figures for the previous period benefited from a net exceptional Ir£4.6 million gain. Underlying profits rose to Ir£12.98 million, from Ir£11.2 million, on turnover that improved to Ir£307.17 million, from Ir£276.88 million.

Adjusted earnings were Ir12.15p a share (Ir10.13p) and the interim dividend is increased to Ir3.52p, from Ir3.04p. Jim Flavin, deputy chairman and chief executive, said DCC expects a good outcome for the year as a whole.

RAC takes BSM wheel

THE RAC yesterday spent more than £28 million on shares to give it control of BSM, the driving school group. The motoring organisation bought 14.8 million shares in BSM on the open market, lifting its interest to 53 per cent. The RAC paid 195p each for the shares, the same as the offer price included in its £54 million bid unveiled last Friday. The takeover will add BSM's 135 branches and 1,928 franchised driving instructors to the RAC, best known for its roadside assistance and legal services to motorists.

Shares move lifts Bett

SHARES of Bett Bros rose 22p to 169p yesterday after the housebuilding, inns and commercial property group acknowledged the need to enhance shareholder value. The shares have ranged between 173½p and 126p this year. The company, based in Scotland, reported pre-tax profits up 38 per cent to £6.9 million for the year to August 31, though earnings were little changed at 34.06p a share, as against 33.27p, on a higher tax charge. Total dividend is 6.75p a share, compared with 5.6p, with a 4.85p final.

Whitehead Mann up

SHARES in Whitehead Mann rose 13p to a high of 171½p after the executive recruitment company reported a 42 per cent advance in pre-tax profits to £1.58 million for the six months ended September 30. These are the company's first results since flotation in March, when the shares were offered at 136p. Sir Peter Parker, chairman, said assignments in all business sectors had risen significantly, particularly information technology and telecoms. Interim earnings rose 28 per cent to 6.53p a share. The maiden interim dividend is 3p a share.

IC profit warning

SHARES in Industrial Control, the electrical equipment group, fell 7p to 48½p after the company said that it expects to incur substantial losses in the first half that ends this month, although it expects a significant improvement in the second half. Peter Hall, the chairman, said at the annual meeting that it had been necessary to revise certain accounting estimates "which will require a number of provisions and write-offs to be made in the half-year financial statements". Details will be announced when appropriate.

Hays buys in Norway

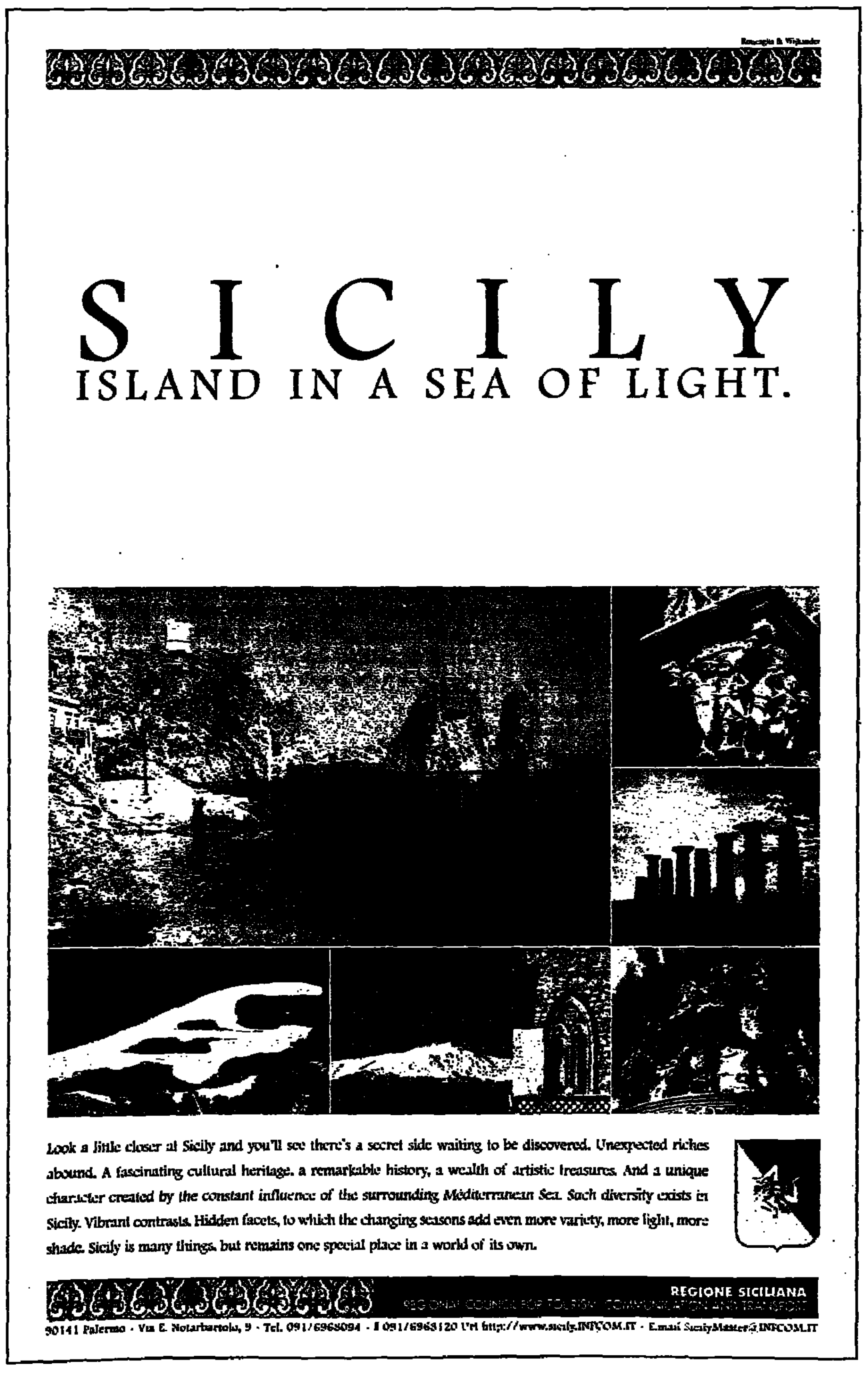
HAYS, the business services group, has acquired Geodata Services, a tape storage, transcription and re-mastering company based in Norway, from PGS Data Management for £3.2 million. Hays has also disposed of its dry cargo and tanker fleets and, in a separate transaction, Crescent Shipping and Crescent Ship Management. The total received for the disposals was £9.7 million, while the marine activities sold before last July made an aggregate profit of £1 million. The proceeds received were about equal to the book value of the net assets.

BP sells in Thailand

BRITISH PETROLEUM yesterday confirmed plans to sell its 48 service stations in Thailand to Caltex Thailand, which is jointly owned by Texaco and Chevron, for an undisclosed sum. Under the deal, Caltex, which will retain all BP's station service employees, increases its network in Thailand to more than 600 outlets. BP said that it was consolidating its Thai resources to strengthen and expand other businesses, including lubricants and specialities, aviation fuel, chemicals, and solar power systems.

John Lusty sales rise

JOHN LUSTY, the food distribution retailing group, raised pre-tax profits from £235,000 to £609,000 in the six months to September 30 on sales up from £8 million to £12.8 million. Earnings rose from 0.15p to 0.31p. An interim dividend of 0.13p per share was paid on October 1, taking the place of last year's final. The group pointed out that most of its main seasonal business is done in the third quarter and said that so far Christmas sales are strong and that costs remain under control. Further acquisitions are being sought.



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The Annual General Meeting of Governors will be held at the offices of the Medical Defence Union, 3 Devonshire Place, London, W1N 2EA on Wednesday, 3 December 1997 at 4.30pm.

The Agenda will include, in addition to the ordinary business, the filling of vacancies on the College Council.

By Order of the College Council.
N.R.M. Petrie,
Secretary to the Council.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
NO 005358 of 1997
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF COLONIA BALTICA INSURANCE LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 28th October 1997 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the share premium account of the above-named Company by £6,159,000.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Petition is directed to be heard before the Registrar of the Companies Court at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 26th day of November 1997.

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the said Company should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose. A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

DATED this 7th day of November 1997.

Davies Arnold Cooper
12 Bridewell Place
London EC4V 6AD
Solicitors for the above-named Company.
Ref: 135/438/1289.34

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF:
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COMPANY NUMBER 510040
RCF TOOLS (EXPORT) LIMITED
COMPANY NUMBER 1323626
RCF TOOLS (MANCHESTER) LIMITED
COMPANY NUMBER 876270
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COMPANY NUMBER 630383
RCF TOOLS (SW) LIMITED
COMPANY NUMBER 1323417
(ALL MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

On 28 October 1997 the above companies were placed in Members' Voluntary Liquidation and Ian Clifford Powell and Steven Anthony Pearson of 101 Barbirolli Square, Lower Mosley Street, Manchester, M2 3PW, were appointed joint liquidators by the shareholders.

The joint liquidators give notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the companies must send details in writing of any claims against the companies to the joint liquidators at the above address by 5 December 1997 which is the last day for proving claims. The joint liquidators also give notice that they will make a final distribution to creditors and that any creditors who do not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.

The companies are able to pay all their known creditors in full.

Dated: 3 November 1997
S A Pearson
Joint Liquidator

Converse Activewear Limited Registered Number 2813349. Trading Name: Converse Activewear Limited. Nature of Business: Retail of Textiles and Clothing. Trade Classification: 17. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receiver(s): 4 November 1997. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receiver(s): Midland Bank Plc. Type of Security: Fixed & Floating. Date of Security: 11 January 1996. Names of persons appointed: Lee Antony Manning and Gary Peter Squires, both of Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF. (office Holder Nos: 6477 and 7856).

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tion)

I, PETER WILLIAM NICOLL, Chartered Accountant, Sherwood House, 7 Glasgow Road, Paisley, PA1 3QS, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that on 4th November 1997 I was appointed Liquidator of the above-named Companies by resolutions passed at meetings of the Companies.

P W Nicoll, Liquidator

This is a formal notice as all creditors have or will be paid in full.

Dallas Nicoll & Co
Sherwood House
7 Glasgow Road
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7th November 1997

Pre-Action Clothing Limited Registered number 2195432. Former company name(s): Visaedge Limited. Trading name: Pre-Action Clothing. Nature of Business: Retail of Textiles and Clothing. Trade Classification: 17. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receiver(s): 4 November 1997. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receiver(s): Midland Bank Plc. Type of Security: Fixed & Floating. Date of Security: 16 August 1991. Names of persons appointed: Lee Antony Manning and Gary Peter Squires, both of Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF (Office holders Nos: 6477 and 7869)

STATUTORY DEMAND
(Debt For Liquidated Sum Payable Immediately Under Section 268(1)(A) of The Insolvency Act 1986)

AP Haddock of 6 Picton Place, London W1 & 7 The Nightingales, Stanwell, Middlesex.

Take notice that a statutory demand has been issued by Mitre Court Property Holdings of 37 Fleet Street, London EC4. The creditor demands payment of £7,366.26 in respect of a judgment dated 19th June 1997 in the Central London County Court case number CL703881. The statutory demand is an important document and is deemed to have been served on you on the date of the first appearance of this advertisement. You have only 21 days from the date of first appearance of this advertisement before the creditor may present a Bankruptcy Petition and you could be made bankrupt and you property and goods taken away from you. If you wish to apply to the court to set aside the demand you must do so within 18 days. If you are in any doubt as to your position you should seek advice immediately from a solicitor or your nearest Citizens Advice Bureau. The statutory demand can be obtained from Raphael Rose of Child & Child, 9 Motcomb Street, London SW1X 8LB. Solicitors for the creditor, tel 0171 235 8000.

IN THE MATTER OF PRESTIGE GROUP UK PLC
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

Pursuant to Rule 11.2 of The Insolvency Rules 1986, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the last date for proving debts against the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, is the third day of December 1997, by which date claims must be sent to the undersigned, M C Withall of Grant Thornton, Grant Thornton House, Melton Street, London NW1 2EP, the liquidator of the company. Notice is further given that the liquidator intends to declare a first interim dividend within 4 months of the last day for proving.

DATED THIS FIFTH DAY OF NOVEMBER 1997
M C Withall
Joint Liquidator

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
NO 4941 of 1997
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF IDEAL TOYS (UK) LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated the 29th October 1997 confirming the reduction of the Share Capital of the above-named Company from £2,950,000 to £0 (nil) and the cancellation of the share premium account of the above named Company together with the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the share capital of the Company as altered these several particulars required by the above mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 5th day of November 1997.

Dated 7th day of November 1997
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REGENT COURT
REGENT STREET
LEICESTER LE1 7BR
REF: PG Riman (10/PGR)
Solicitors for the above named Company

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
AND IN THE MATTER OF RADIAPRINT (IPSWICH) LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at The Novotel Hotel, Greyfriars Road, Ipswich, Suffolk on the 17 November 1997 at 11.00am for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 - 101 of the said Act.

On the two business days preceding the day of the meeting a list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge, at BDO Stoy Hayward, 12 Lower Brook Street, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP4 1AT.

3 November 1997
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Equities close off their lows

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

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626	385	Bulmer (HP)	430	− 2½	4.2	12.0
75½	40½	Burn Stewart	46½	..	9.1	16.2
1040	865	Glenmorangie A	975		1.7	24.1
638	425½	Grand Met	549½	+ 2	3.4	17.6
639½	424	Guinness	547	+ 2½	3.5	15.0
380	280	Highland Distl	319	− ½	3.6	14.4
336	213	Matthew Clark	232½	− 1½	12.9	6.9
109½	52½	Morydom	55		7.0	13.6
2009½	1450	SA Breweries	1521½	+ 18½	2.3	..

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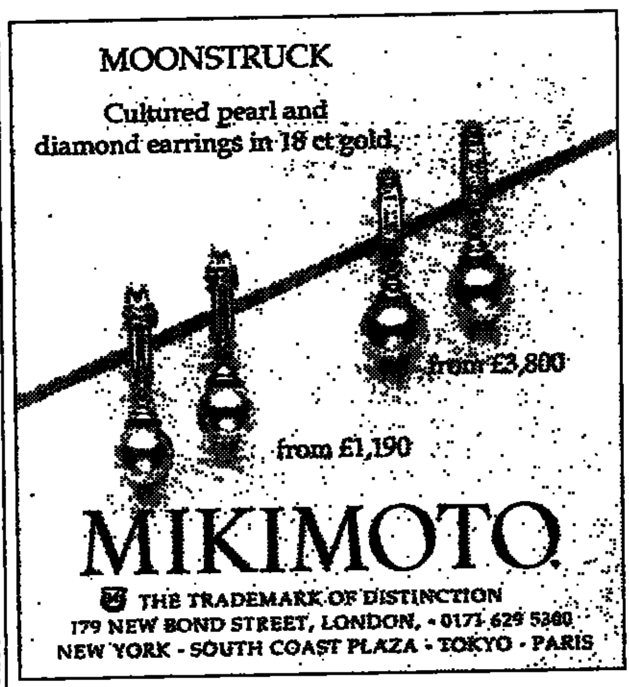

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Also in the ValuPack folder are some nice images in the Photodsc folder — they're medium and high-quality versions of photos in BMP format suitable for many projects. Don't copy them all to your hard disk, unless you have gigabytes of space to spare — just use the ones you need and keep only the modified versions on your own hard disk.

CHRIS WARD

Am I going too fast for you?

A good shorthand note is no longer enough: secretaries must keep up with technology, writes **Eve-Ann Prentice**

Many secretaries fear they are losing their grip, according to a new advice service. Until now, most felt they had their fingers on the pulse; that they knew where to lay their hands on that vital sales order record, had a note to chivvy the boss into remembering meetings and anniversaries, and generally knew what he or she was up to, even when their nearest colleagues did not.

But new technology is changing all that. Bosses send messages by e-mail and fax modems — then forget to tell their secretaries.

"The increase in new technology has been the final straw for some secretaries," says Julie Samuels, director of Secretaries for the Future, a Lancashire-based group that aims to help secretaries and their managers to cope with the changes. "There are so many new challenges, with many secretaries not knowing their role any more. Managers issue more and more of their own correspondence through e-mail and faxes, and secretaries can feel left out on a limb."

An astonishing 97 per cent of business information is now issued by fax, according to Ms Samuels and "when you get to the top, you are very alone".

> 'New challenges mean many secretaries don't know their role any more'

Secretaries for the Future, which was founded by Ms Samuels and Elaine Howard who acts as its chairman, runs a telephone helpline which members can call "most hours of the day and night" for advice, aims to hold regular meetings, and issues a newssheet. "We aim to spread information which most secretaries don't hear about from existing magazines, which tend to treat them in a girly, bimbo-ish way," says Ms Samuels.

"We explain matters relating to the millennium bug, for instance. If you are working for a director, you need to understand why there are fears that computer systems may crash at the turn of the century."

Secretaries for the Future has won support from the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry Examinations Board, reflecting its aim of working with managers as well as secretaries in smoothing life in the office. The group began recruiting in the summer and asks new members to fill in a confidential "wish list" to help to identify issues on which the group can give advice and information.

Margaret Bocking, who is a secretary at Keystone Valve UK Ltd, an engineering company in Stockport, Cheshire, reveals that her wish was for "my general manager to stand still long enough to talk to me". After working as a secretary for engineering companies for 20 years, Ms Bocking says: "The job has definitely changed, and with increasing rates of structural change things could alter yet again. It is not straightforward typing, as it used to be. Now I have to co-ordinate a lot of tasks and feel as if I am working for more people. For instance, we have a new security alarm system and I have to co-ordinate the running of that.

"With so many people having their own PCs, they tend to do their own thing. I am very lucky, though, because my boss does e-mail me. There's not a lot he doesn't tell me."

Nonetheless, she says, new technology has brought so many changes that "the uncertainty is unsettling — but where would we be without the technology?"

● *For information on Secretaries for the Future, call Julie Samuels on 0161-796 9504 or Elaine Howard on 0181-440 4466.*

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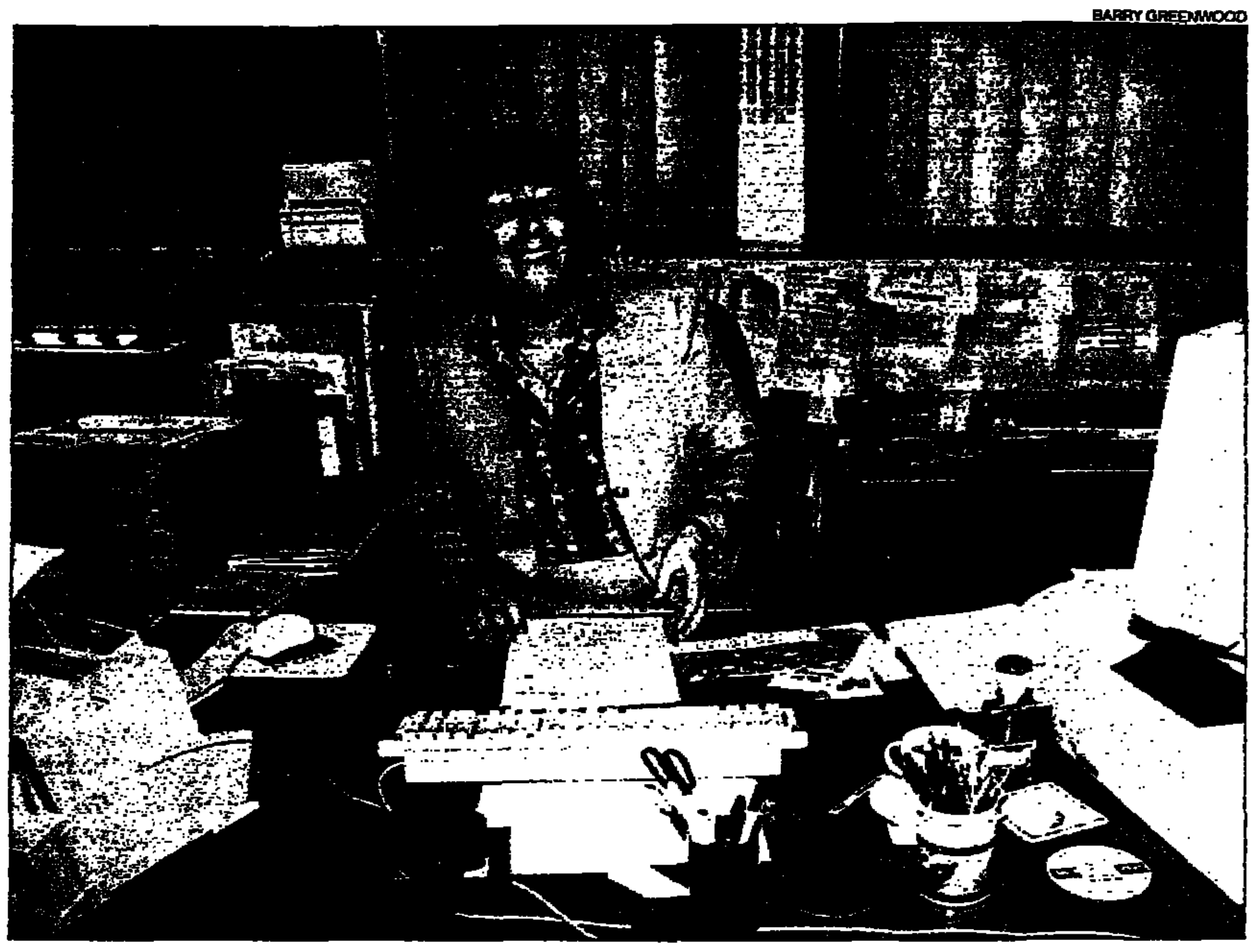

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TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hergie

LONDON

ANGELS AND DEMONS: The excellent Beshi Tellers present the tale of Adam and his first wife Lilith. Rebecca Wolman directs Simon Thorp and Emma Cater in a production with music in a style where Jewish Klezmer meets jazz.
Tricycle Theatre, Kilburn High Road, NW6 (0171-328 1000). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Sun-Thurs and Sat, 8pm, mats, Wed, 2pm and Sun, 4pm Ⓢ

MOZART ON STRADS: This gala concert held in joint aid of the Royal Academy of Music and the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital offers a unique opportunity to sample the sublime sound of Mozart played on Stradivari string instruments held in the RAM's collection. Sir Colin Davis conducts the RAM Sinfonia and Chorus, with soloists Maxim Vengerov and Yuri Bashmet.
Festival Hall, South Bank SE1 (0171-960 4242). Tonight, 7.30pm Ⓢ

SCHUBERT CELEBRATION: *The* violinists Gidon Kremer and Annette Bik are among the noted performers joining up for a performance of Schubert's glorious String Quintet. The programme also features an arrangement for chamber orchestra of Shostakovich's Symphony No 15.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.30pm Ⓢ

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: Pinchas Zukerman doubles as violin soloist and conductor in the **City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra**'s concert tonight. On the programme are Elgar's *Serenade for Strings*, Mozart's *Violin Concerto In A*, and Brahms's Symphony No 2.
Symphony Hall, Broad Street (0121-212 3333). Tonight, 7.30pm Ⓢ

BRADFORD: Scottish Opera offers audiences here a chance to see three of the works from the company's 1997/98 season. On the programme tonight and Friday is *Rigoletto*, Verdi's dark tale of power and corruption, followed by Britten's *Peter Grimes* tomorrow, with Bellini's *Norma* on Saturday.
Alhambra Theatre, Morley Street (01274 752000). Performances at 7.15pm Ⓢ

CARDIFF: The **Rambert Dance Company** stops here for four nights with a programme which adds an extra number, *Brown Ballet One*, by Glenn Wilkinson, to the triple bill originally advertised. The other three works scheduled are: *No More Play*, *Port for Angels* and *Airs*, danced to excerpts from Handel's *Concerti Grossi*.
New Theatre, Park Place (01222 878889). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm. Ⓢ

LIVERPOOL: Award-winning pianist Stephen Hough joins the **Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra** in a programme featuring Mozart's *Haffner Symphony*, Scharwenka's Piano Concerto No 4, and Beethoven's Symphony No 9. Petr Altrichter conducts.
Philharmonic Hall, Hope Street (0151-709 3789). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◩ **Some seats available**
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☐ **THE BOYS IN THE BAND**: Mart Crowley's ground-breaking gay play *from 1968 now something of a period* piece with its "gay means witty but *wretched*" message. Transfer from the King's Head, Islington.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6003). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thur and Sat, 3pm

◩ **A DELICATE BALANCE**: Eileen Atkins hauntingly chilling in welcome revival of Albee's play about marriage, *parenthood and neighbourliness.* Maggie Smith plays the drunk sister. Anthony Page directs.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats, Wed and Sat, 3pm Ⓢ

■ **ELECTRA**: Zoe Wanamaker a powerful and poignant heroine in David Leveaux's production from Chichester. Marjorie Yates plays Clytemnestra.
***Donmar Warehouse**, Earlham Street,* WC2 (0171-369 1732). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Tue and Sat, 4pm. Until December 5 Ⓢ

■ **GUYS AND DOLLS**: The Olivier returns to its original shape for the revival of Richard Eyre's revival. Exhilarating stuff.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm; mats tomorrow and Sat, 2pm. In rep

☐ **AN IDEAL HUSBAND:** Return of Peter Hall's enjoyable production, brimful of deceptions. Starring Martin Shaw and Simon Ward, and Kate O'Mara as the svelte troublemaker.
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Ave, W1 (0171-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thur 3pm and Sat 4pm

☐ **STEPPING OUT**: Musical version of Richard Harris's hit play (music and lyrics by Denis King and Mary Stewart David). Julia McKenzie directs Liz Robertson and her team of hopeful hoofers.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (0171-369 1730). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thur, 3pm and Sat, 4pm

☐ **TALES MY LOVER TOLD ME:** New musical comedy written and directed by Chris Burgess, music by *Sarah Travis, about three women in* their early middle years struggling to stay friends.
King's Head, Upper St, N1 (0171-226 1916). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mat Sun, 3pm. Ⓢ

☐ **A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE:** Powerful playing by Desmond Barrit as Arthur Miller's longshoreman destroyed by incestuous feelings for his niece. Rachel Kavanaugh directs.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (0181-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm. Until November 29. Ⓢ

☐ **WOYZECK**: Sarah Kane's gripping production of Buchner's tragedy of a common man. Riveting performances by Michael Shannon and Kate Ashfield.
Gate Theatre, Prince Albert Pub, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (0171-229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Until November 22

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where *indicated with the symbol* ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **FACE/OFF** (18): FBI agent John Travolta and terrorist Nicolas Cage swap identities. Outrageous thriller that never knows when to stop. Director, John Woo.
ABC Tottenham Ct Rd (0171-636 6148) **Clapham PH** (0171-498 3323) **Greenwich** (0181-235 3005) **Odeons: Camden** (0181-315 4255) **Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Leicester Sq** (0181-315 4215) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096)

THE GAMBLER (15): Intriguing tale about Dostoevsky writing his novel *The Gambler*, with Michael Gambon and Jodhi May. Director, Karoly Makk.
Curzon West End (0171-369 1722) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030)

MY MOTHER'S COURAGE (12): A Hungarian mother has a brush with death in Nazi-occupied Budapest. Slight, winsome Euro co-production, with Pauline Collins. Director, Michael Verhoeven.
ABC Panton Street (0171-930 0631)

UP ON THE ROOF (15): Ups, downs and yawns of a student singing group. Thinly likeable British film, with Amy Robbins, Billy Carter, and Clare Cathcart. Director, Simon Moore.
Plaza (0990 888990)

CURRENT

◆ **AN AMERICAN WEREWOLF IN PARIS** (15): Amusingly cheeky horror comic, with Tom Everett Scott as an American student who falls for the charms of Julie Delpy's werewolf. Director, Anthony Waller.
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◆ **CAREER GIRLS** (15): Student friends meet up as adults. Awkward but touching Mike Leigh drama, with Katrin Cartlidge and Lynda Steadman.
ABC Panton Street (0171-930 0631) **Curzon Phoenix** (0171-369 1721)

◆ ***L.A. CONFIDENTIAL*** *(18):* Smashing drama about corruption in LA in the early 1950s, with Kevin Spacey, Russell Crowe, Kim Basinger, Guy Pearce and Danny DeVito. Director, Curtis Hanson.
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A play too small for its boost

This is the twelfth play in nine months Peter Hall's troupe has presented at this address and, unless some Santa appears with a very large sledge in the very near future, it will be the last. That seems a sadly bathetic end to a remarkably ambitious and, with exceptions, successful enterprise.

But Dominic Dromgoole, who has run Hall's new-play programme, has failed to prove that our newer, younger writers can make the jump from small, informal theatres to a large, formal one. One or two of their plays have looked lost in the ample acreage and relative grandeur of the Vic. They would have been better suited to some more intimate space — in the case of *Shining Souls*, Edinburgh's Traverse.

Shining Souls
Old Vic

That was where I saw Chris Hannan's piece 15 months ago, and a notably sharp, bright exercise in blackish fun it seemed. The freshness of its observation and the verve of its dialogue are still evident, but more sporadically so. I discovered in the interval that I was not alone in feeling that a combination of uneven acoustics, Glasgow accents, and the actors' failure to breach the gap between stage and stalls did not make a slightly loony plot more accessible. If you decide to see *Shining Souls*, as you should, sit near the front.

"I've had poverty, drugs, depression, bereavement and sheer bloody misery all day," says Brian Pettifer's vicar as the action stumbles to a close, "and I've still to write tomorrow's sermon proclaiming the good news." Who can blame him for moaning? His parishioners are in chaos. Even on the day fixed for her wedding, Alison Peebles's Anne cannot decide on a husband. Even though his mother is dying, Stuart McQuarrie's Charlie cannot find his way from the betting shop to the hospital.

Stuart McQuarrie (Charlie), Shirley Anderson (Mandy) and Alison Peebles (Anne) in Chris Hannan's disappointing black comedy, *Shining Souls*

Anne's predicament is the more understandable, since both aspiring grooms are called Billy and the big, dim one seems to be better in bed than the smallish, clever one. But Charlie is the more memorable character. One moment he is cadging money from his estranged wife on the pretence that his mum is terminally sick, the next he has discovered that she really is ill but that he doesn't possess the right clothes for a deathbed scene — and on he blunders, spiralling into confusion and contradiction like an O'Casey hero on LSD.

I am not sure either that Hannan's own production, which seems more surreal than Ian Brown's in Edinburgh, serves his text well, or that the text itself rises to all the challenges he has set it. After all, his subject is the search for meaning in a world whose disasters include the suicides of twin children. But he communicates mess and muddle better than pain, grief or a sense of "shining souls".

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Let the London festivities commence

JAZZ

New World A-Comin'
Queen Elizabeth Hall

QUITE a month for admirers of Duke Ellington. Next Monday, Pete Long takes his repertory big band, Echoes of Ellington, to Ronnie Scott's for what should be a high-spirited week's residency. In contrast, the opening weekend of the Oris London Jazz Festival dressed the Duke in white tie and tails by shifting — successfully — the emphasis to his more formal concert pieces.

Ellington's achievements as a composer of extended works have been debated ever since *Black, Brown and Beige* premiered at Carnegie Hall in 1943. Did his music, in short, lose some of its potency when he succumbed to the lure of the concert stage? Some argue that the three glorious minutes of *Harlem Air Shaft* reach greater heights than *Harlem Suite*, the finale of this evening. Yet only narrow-minded purists could have sat unmoved as the BBC Concert Orchestra — augmented by true jazzers such as Alan Barnes — negotiated the slalom-like tempo changes and highlighted the contrasts in the writing for the horns.

Conductor Robert Ziegler drew some robust playing from the strings in a work originally commissioned by the NBC Symphony Orchestra. Earlier, the mini-concerto *New World A-Comin'* came full of Ellington keyboard touches, supplied by American pianist Fred Hersch. The programme also put Ellington in context. Anthony Davis's percussion-led *Notes from the Underground* gave a modernist slant on the Afro-American tradition. Wilhelm Grosz's *Afrika Songs* provided Weill-like settings of another of Harlem's cultural spokesmen, Langston Hughes.

CLIVE DAVIS

POP

Asian Dub Foundation
Festival Hall

THE burgeoning underground musical scene within Britain's second generation Asian community has long threatened to burst overground, developing a large club following with a celebratory mix of Asian sounds and contemporary dance beats.

This laudably adventurous opening night of the London Oris Jazz Festival was more event than concert, designed to show off a rich seam of talent that runs from Brick Lane to Bradford via Bengal and Baluchistan. Downstairs in the bar area, DJs from the innovative record label Outcaste played some storming tabla-tinged break-beats. Inside the hall, Nitin Sawhney and his band performed a jazzy set fusing rap and Indian traditional singing.

But Asian Dub Foundation judged the mood better with their loud and brash agit-pop, taking different elements from East and West to produce something dynamic and organic, particularly on *Journey*, introduced as "a song for our ancestors", and a live remix of *Taa Deem* by the late Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan.

The band has previously struggled to capture its live sound on record, but the new single, *Naxalite*, about a guerrilla uprising by Bengal peasants, is a driving piece of dubbed-up noise that could bring its first chart success.

Master D, the 19-year-old rapper who fronts the band, has been likened to an Asian Johnny Rotten. A fairer comparison might be with the Clash, for it is difficult to think of a band that has sounded quite so raw, hungry and plain dangerous since the days of *White Riot*.

NIGEL WILLIAMSON

No point in getting up early

Lazybed
Edinburgh

ONCE UPON a time there was a little boy called Murdo, who felt that he was too big for childish things such as working for a living, and decided to sleep in late. So late, in fact, that the days rolled into each other, and Murdo treated his *bed as both playpen and* office, holding court to a stream of visitors while his mummy grew more and more exasperated. Trouble is, in Iain Crichton Smith's new play for the Traverse, baby Murdo is pushing 40, still living at home, waited on hand and foot by Mama, and really ought to have dealt with his adolescent angst by now.

It is neither big nor clever, and certainly not original, as mother, brother and would-be's lover all make clear. But Murdo has been afflicted with a poetic soul, that eternal waster's excuse for avoiding natural light, while an existential hangover sees him au fait with biscuit-dunking Proust and Immanuel Kant. Even girl-next-door Judith can stir him only as far as raising a smile. Dour, hard-drinking Death alone is able to reach between the sheets.

Crichton Smith's play may seem old hat and unsophisticated. After all, the absurdity of existence was confirmed yonks ago, and "been there, done that" applies to the meaning of life as much as anything else. Yet behind the sometimes stilted debate between wilful nihilism, ideologies of every hue and plain old real life, there is a *gentle, self-deprecatory charm* at play, which one cannot help but be wooed by. Much of this is down to the understated playing in Philip Howard's wide open production, which sees Iain Macrae's Murdo make the transition from spoilt but desperately seeking something daydream unbeliever to fully fledged grown-up in the face of loss.

The play's pivotal moment comes as Iona Carbarns's Judith [illegible] knocks Murdo into domestic shape, when Murdo realises that what he has been looking for is standing less than two feet away from him. Almost wordless, the scene is played to Anna Mhoireach's gorgeous live folk score, and captures the full essence of lost boys yearning after surrogate mummies. And let's face it, they still walk among us. OK, it is embedded with old-time chauvinism, but Crichton Smith never lets us lose sight of Murdo's full ridiculousness and, as bedtime stories go, you'll nod off with a smile on your face. As for Murdo and Judith, they live happily ever after. Maybe.

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The dark side of the croon

As *Chicago* opens in the West End, **Richard Morrison** looks at musicals that present life as nasty, brutish and short

CATHERINE ASHMORE

The murder trial presented as vaudeville: Ruthie Henshall, Henry Goodman and the chorus of newspaper reporters in the new West End production of *Chicago*

In my misspent youth I played the piano in a small but perfectly deformed staging of the musical *Chicago*. One night the trumpet *player sidled up*. He was a hardboiled sort of chap, so I was startled when he said: "This piece really upsets me."

"You cannot be serious," I replied. "It goes like a rocket. It's got the catchiest tunes to come from Broadway since *Guys and Dolls*. It has dramatic verve. Its sardonic digs at American justice are doubtless unfair but hilarious. And I cannot help noticing that the ladies on stage have almost no clothes on. For my money, this adds up to a musical that is somewhat more gripping than *Mary Poppins*."

"What you say is true," the trumpet player conceded. "But I have one big problem. I don't like a single character on stage. And I don't like the story. It's sordid and cynical from start to finish."

He had a point. At least, he almost had a point, which is not bad for a brass player. There is *one* nice guy in *Chicago*: poor Amos, hoodwinked husband of the scheming murderess Roxie. But even he isn't likeable: he's too pathetic.

As for the rest, well, there's the shyster lawyer whose main concern is self-publicity; and the "six merry murderesses", all busy concocting sob stories to feed to the gullible press; and the grotesque woman jailor who trades perks for lesbian favours; and the two cold-blooded "heroines", who plan to use their own murder trials to launch showbiz careers. And there is a plot that equates American courts with seedy vaudevilles, in which there *are no defendants, lawyers and* judges — only "acts" strutting their stuff. Yes, *Chicago* is pretty sour.

It was written by Bob Fosse, John Kander and Fred Ebb in 1975, and based on a much older play — a *1920s drama penned by a Chicago* reporter after she had covered two sensational murder trials in which the female defendants had been acquitted despite damning evidence. But *Chicago* won't seem like a period piece when it is revived *next* week in the West End. In an age of televised trials and slick celebrity lawyers, cynicism about the law hasn't exactly gone away. And with £2 million of bookings already taken for the show, starring leggy Ute *Lemper and feisty* Ruthie Henshall, *Chicago* could be the smash hit of the winter.

What, though, of my trumpet-player's objections? Is it a brilliant show that leaves a nasty taste? Do characters so lacking in a moral dimension engage our empathy? Do we buy this utterly Machiavellian view of humanity? In *Chicago* it does seem at times as if Iago, Lady Macbeth and Richard III have all met in a photo opportunity concocted by Max Clifford.

Yet there is a long tradition of musicals that walk on the seamy side. That is often forgotten. The word "musical" usually evokes quasi-operettas of the Lloyd Webber or Boublil/Schonberg school, or inane fables cooked up to display Astaire's footwork, or the homespun Americana rolled out by Rodgers and Hammerstein.

But there is an alternative tradition which derives its power from the very incongruity of mixing lurid material — "murder, greed, corruption, violence, exploitation, adultery and treachery", to quote *Chicago's* opening line — with razzle-dazzle tunes. Far from diminishing the impact of the grisly plots, the buoyant music sharpens the theatrical shock.

How far back does this tradition go? *Right back to the musical's* origins. It is present, for instance, in John Gay's *Beggar's Opera*, written in the 18th century as a black satire on sleaze, but using the jolliest "pop tunes" of the period. *Remember the staging a few years* ago by David Freeman, in which the entire cast produced nooses and proceeded to simulate mass suicide as the curtain fell? You don't get that in *The Sound of Music*.

A sense of the macabre certainly runs through Gilbert and Sullivan. Indeed, Gilbert constructed *The Mikado* almost entirely from taste-free jokes about execution, self-decapitation and torture — to which Sullivan supplied tunes of *radiant perkiness. And it was the* dominant thread of the musicals written in 1920s Berlin by Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill. Their *Threepenny Opera*, of course, was a reworking of *The Beggar's Opera with souped-up sex and violence. In* turn it, too, became a model — for the piece that Kander and Ebb wrote prior to *Chicago*: the nihilistic but stunning *Cabaret*.

These musicals craftily frame serious subjects in an ostensibly lowbrow showbiz format. *In Chicago* the legal system is presented as vaudeville: in *Cabaret* the rise of Hitler is mirrored in a nightclub. But the prize for audacity here must go to Joan Littlewood, who present*ed the entire First World War to* devastating effect as a music-hall show in *Oh! What a Lovely War*.

Clearly the drama critics' perennial moan — "nothing but sugary musicals around these days" — is *not quite accurate. Musicals are as* numerous as ever, but not all are sugary. I saw a staging of Sondheim's *Sweeney Todd* in which the blood spurting from the severed jugular of the demon barber's ill-fated customer was so realistic that *a man in the front row screamed*. The same author's *Assassins* — a charmingly lyrical catalogue of gentlemen who have killed, or tried to kill, American presidents — didn't have this physicality, but it *did strike many Americans as* bordering on treason.

Some lucky audiences in Massachusetts have seen the first "IRA musical", a preposterous yarn called *Brimstone* that ends with a *choreographed shootout between a* Bonnie-and-Clyde duo of terrorists and the nasty "British occupying forces". The peace process will need to be somewhat more advanced before we see *that* in the West End. But it is possible that Paul Simon's *first Broadway musical, The Capeman*, will be coming here soon, and that has stirred up a noisy protest in America by retelling the true story of a Puerto Rican gangster who knifed two boys to *death 40 years ago. Shades of West Side Story* there, of course.

As with the furore over the Myra Hindley portrait at the Royal Academy, the families of the victims have been alerted to the *"outrage" of The Capeman* by the ever-vigilant press. "Does Paul Simon think that murder is something to sing about?" one protest leader asked this week.

The answer is clearly yes. But then, so did Mozart, Verdi, Wag*ner, Gershwin, Bernstein and ev*ery other theatre composer of genius. If you insist on a musical being glitzy, escapist and as mushy as overboiled peas, then I believe *Starlight Express* is still doing *excellent business at the Apollo* Victoria. If you want something as sharp as a stiletto, as brilliant as a diamond, as sour as a lemon and as intoxicating as bourbon, don't miss *Chicago*. Also, it doesn't have me *on the piano this time round*.

● Chicago *is in preview at the Adelphi (0171-344 0055), and opens on Tuesday*

A profit without honour?

Allen Robertson talks to the critics' bête noire, Derek Deane of English National Ballet

DENZIL McNEELANCE

Derek Deane rehearses Tamara Rojo in *The Nutcracker*, ENB's 1997 Christmas show

It is impossible to replace the irreplaceable. This explains why no one has been chosen to succeed Diana, Princess of Wales, as the patron of English National Ballet. It is also why Derek Deane's new staging of *The Nutcracker* is dedicated to her. Following its premiere in Southampton on Thursday, the production goes to Liverpool and Manchester before arriving at the London Coliseum on December 8, where opening night will begin with a specially commissioned film tribute to the Princess.

A keen dance fan all her life, some might even say a ballerina *manquée*, the Princess became the company's patron in 1989. Deane, who has been artistic director since 1993, could not be more enthusiastic about the very real care the Princess showed for ENB. Nor isn't any secret that she played a pivotal role in securing sponsorship from Harrods for his new *Nutcracker*. "We can say that *The Nutcracker* was sponsored by the voice of the Princess of Wales," says Deane, referring to a crucial *telephone* call the Princess made on ENB's behalf.

Influential as Diana was in loosening those strings, however, money wasn't all she contributed. "She spent so much time with *the dancers*, which is something other patrons don't really do. This ten-minute film is our way of letting people know about her life within dance, her love of the art form."

ENB's new *Nutcracker* is designed by Sue Blane, who also created the sets and costumes for Deane's *Alice in Wonderland*. She and Deane have opted to set *The Nutcracker* in 1997, rather than in some cosy Dickensian world. "Sue has created a modern look totally based on a classical line," Deane says. "I wanted to change period, I wanted to change the story. But what I did not want was the Spice Girls on pointe."

Deane is a notoriously hard worker. In the studio he fizzes and whizzes around his dancers like a gadfly, egging them on, shouting himself hoarse with encouragement. "I can be a tyrant," *he* says, "but only when I need to be, when I think people are being unprofessional, behaving badly or not doing their job. Because there are a lot of dancers out there who need jobs. If I have to be strict and demanding, then that is what I will be.

> ❛Of course it would be nice to get good reviews❜

"I'm lucky to have the kind of character that doesn't get upset by people not liking me. I don't want anybody to hate me. I don't want anybody to spit at me, but I will not compromise."

Despite all the demands on him as the company's director, Deane regularly adds to his load the responsibility of staging ballets for ENB because he knows he doesn't have to pay himself an extra salary for doing so. "I can save the company £30,000 to £40,000 by doing this myself. However, that's not the reason why I do it. I do it because I feel it's a part of my job to be creative.

"I have always known that I am not a MacMillan, an Ashton, a Balanchine. I am not a unique talent in any way as far as choreography is concerned. But I do have a great sense of theatre and of production values. Choreographically, I think I am a very good showman."

The box office figures prove that. Last summer's *Swan Lake* in the round at the Albert Hall played to 90 per cent capacity — some 50,000 *people saw* Deane's production during its two-week run. Deane will be creating a new version of *Romeo and Juliet* for the Albert Hall next June. But, despite his productions' popularity, the critics have had few kind words for his work.

"Of course it would be nice to get good reviews and to have those people value your work," Deane says, "but I don't believe I'm lowering the quality of ballet by doing what I'm doing. If I didn't have to worry about box office, I might *choose different subjects, but* I don't feel the quality of the work would be different.

"I'm not sitting here saying this is a masterpiece, how dare they criticise it. But if people are too snotty, *if* people have no room for change and are not open-minded enough to enjoy and find value in something a bit different, well, that's their problem. My artistic level may be too commercial, too populist for some critics. If they want to get that anally retentive about it, fine: but it *is* not my bag to keep repeating the past.

"I don't necessarily think big is bad and I had a ball at the Albert Hall. We all did. It created enormous excitement *in the dancers. Swan Lake is* going to Australia and Japan in 1999 — to say nothing of playing another season at the Albert Hall."

First, *though*, comes *The Nutcracker*, with an opening night cast headed by Lucia Lacarra, a Spaniard who has been dancing in Marseilles, and Robert Tewsley, an Englishman based in Stuttgart. Other guests will come from Brazil, Milan, New York and Amsterdam.

"Robert's career has been outside this country, but he is English, thank God." Deane says. "I'm always having my face slapped, and on some levels quite rightly so, for not employing more English *dancers*. Well, I would gladly employ English dancers if they were lined up outside the door *and* they would dance. But that luxury, that dream, has yet to be offered to me."

● The Nutcracker *opens at the Mayflower, Southampton (01703 711811) on Thursday, and is at the London Coliseum (0171-632 8300) from Dec 8 to Jan 10*

CONCERTS: Rough-hewn Dvořák in Manchester; Australians in London

Sound reason for lack of heroics

Hallé/ Skrowaczewski
Manchester

STEVEN Isserlis's Dvořák is so good in most parts that no one seems to mind very much if his account falls short of the whole story. *Certainly*, for *his* lyrical sensitivity and finely registered detail, he deserved every second of the prolonged applause bestowed on his performance with Stanislaw *Skrowaczewski* and the *Hallé* Orchestra in the Bridgewater Hall.

The more heroic aspects of Dvořák's Cello Concerto, however, had met with a comparatively feeble response from the soloist — not through any lack of inspiration or effort (he was working so hard in one part that his tie fell off), but through an unfortunate limitation on his dynamic range. His purist reluctance to use metal strings is admirable but, when it comes to a work such as the Cello Concerto in a concert hall as big as this, its wisdom is open to question.

The first entry of the solo instrument, marked in the score with every kind of dynamic emphasis and massively equipped with double-stopped chords, is obviously intended to make an imposingly sonorous impression. On this occasion it, and passages like it, were frustratingly muffled. Fortunately, the Concerto is in the end a matter not of heroism but of emotional intimacy. And there was no lack of the latter quality either in the cello part or in the orchestra.

In Weber's *Freischütz* Overture, and in parts of the Dvořák too, the *Hallé* sound seemed to have gone back ten years and even to have returned to the Free Trade Hall: it was refreshingly robust but coarse-grained in texture and rough at the edges. In Shostakovich's Sixth Symphony, on the other hand, Skrowaczewski combined something of the orchestra's developing sophistication with the unequivocal directness which emerges from his own uncompromising honesty in interpretation.

The major problem with the Sixth Symphony is to protect the questioning seriousness of the opening Largo from being undermined by the apparent "who cares?" attitude of the *two quick movements that* follow and the celebration of music-hall vulgarity that comes at the end. The answer, Skrowaczewski demonstrated, is to make no attempt to modify the character of the work at either extreme. Play it for all it is worth, with no lack of long-term patience on the one hand and not without taking virtuoso risks on the other, and *the underlying* ironies make themselves unmistakably clear.

GERALD LARNER

Hits and misses

Australian Chamber Orch
Wigmore Hall

THE month-long Australia Festival at the Wigmore *Hall* came to a resounding close on Friday with a second concert by the Australian Chamber Orchestra at the end of its European tour. This 17-strong *flagship ensemble prides itself* on its ability to tackle everything from Baroque to contemporary repertoire, extending the canon by taking over chamber music proper in expanded form.

Friday's concert revealed both the advantages and the dangers of such an approach. On paper, the programme was an imaginative mix: a *Concerto Grosso* by Handel (Op 6, No 6 in G minor), a Violin Concerto by Haydn (in C), works by Hindemith, Ravel and Peter Sculthorpe united by a theme of mourning, and Tchaikovsky's heartwarming *Souvenir de Florence* to finish.

In practice, a partial understanding of Baroque style, with unidiomatic bowing and articulation, *drew little distinction* between the Handel and Haydn concertos, though director Richard Tognetti played the solo part of the latter with considerable flair.

Hindemith's Trauermusik, hastily concocted in a six-hour stint in a BBC studio on the occasion of the death of King George V, is superbly con*ceived for the composer's own* instrument, the viola. Caroline Henbest gave an eloquent performance.

Tognetti's own arrangement for violin and string orchestra of Ravel's *Kaddish*, the first of the *Deux mélodies hebraïques*, draws effectively on spectral harmonics in the upper strings followed by no less unearthly timbres from cello and bass, to invoke the mood of mourning.

If the spark of inspiration was infrequent up to this point, after the interval any fatigue gave way to abandon, for an affecting account of Sculthorpe's *Lament* — a typically atmospheric response to the Australian landscape — and finally an invigorating *performance of the Souvenir de Florence*.

The electrifying end of the first movement drew applause, but there was even more passion to come in the remaining *movements* — a memento to treasure indeed.

BARRY MILLINGTON

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament

CASPAR BERRY

Age: 24.

Profession: Writer and sometime director.

Wasn't he in *Byker Grove*? "I was going out with a girl who auditioned for it. I was the only boy there and the producer said 'Do you want to try out?' I'd acted in amateur dramatics so I said 'Yeah'. That was two years in total. Then I became a failed actor, a has-been at 18."

But he was writing all this *time*? "*Not really. I'd written* for theatre and I was writing music. But while I was doing *Byker Grove*, I made up my mind that I wanted to direct. In fact standing on the set on my first day I thought '*That* is the job I want to do'. Two years later I wrote a short film and *made it*."

So how did he get to do *Stone in the Road*? "I wrote to about a hundred companies and got nowhere. It was an 18-year-old's script but I believed passionately in what I was saying. So I put the money from *Byker Grove* into it."

And that opened doors? "People don't give you the next step up in this business unless you have your calling-card. Richard Johns of Pilgrim Films here in Newcastle saw it and most of the history since then has been channelled through him. I'm really happy here."

How did he get to make commercials shown on Tyne-Tees television? "Richard's great gift to me is that he doesn't stand on experience. He just says: 'You're hungry, I think you can do it, here's a 35mm commercial'. He did just the same with *Downtime*: 'You can do it, write us a feature film.'"

What's *Downtime about*? "It's a love story action movie in which I tried to create what Spielberg is so good at: a real-world scenario fused with a filmic concept. I think British film is in the middle of a revolution. I've written four screenplays since."

When can we see Downtime? *At the London Film Festival on* November 22, or in the cinemas next February.

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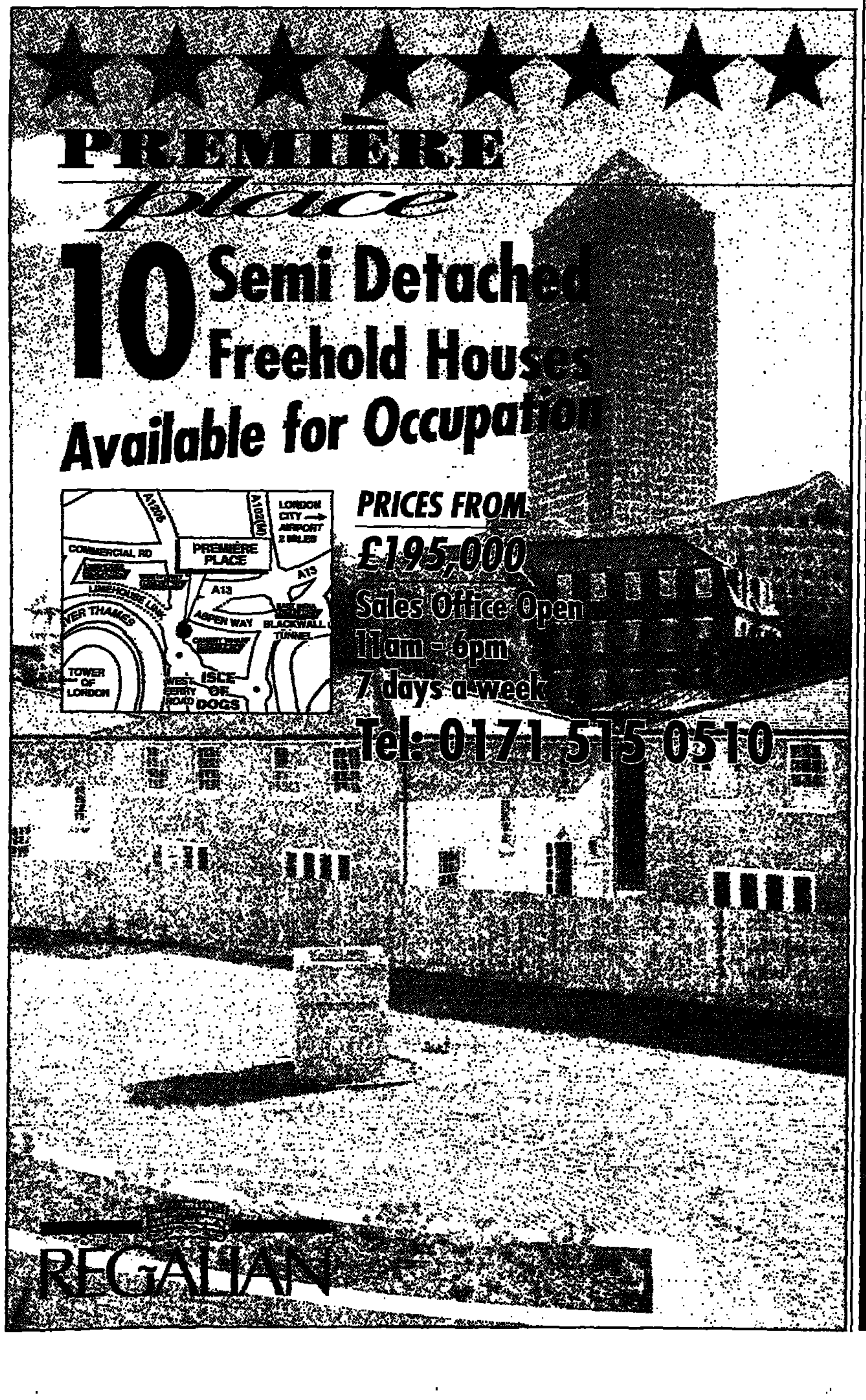
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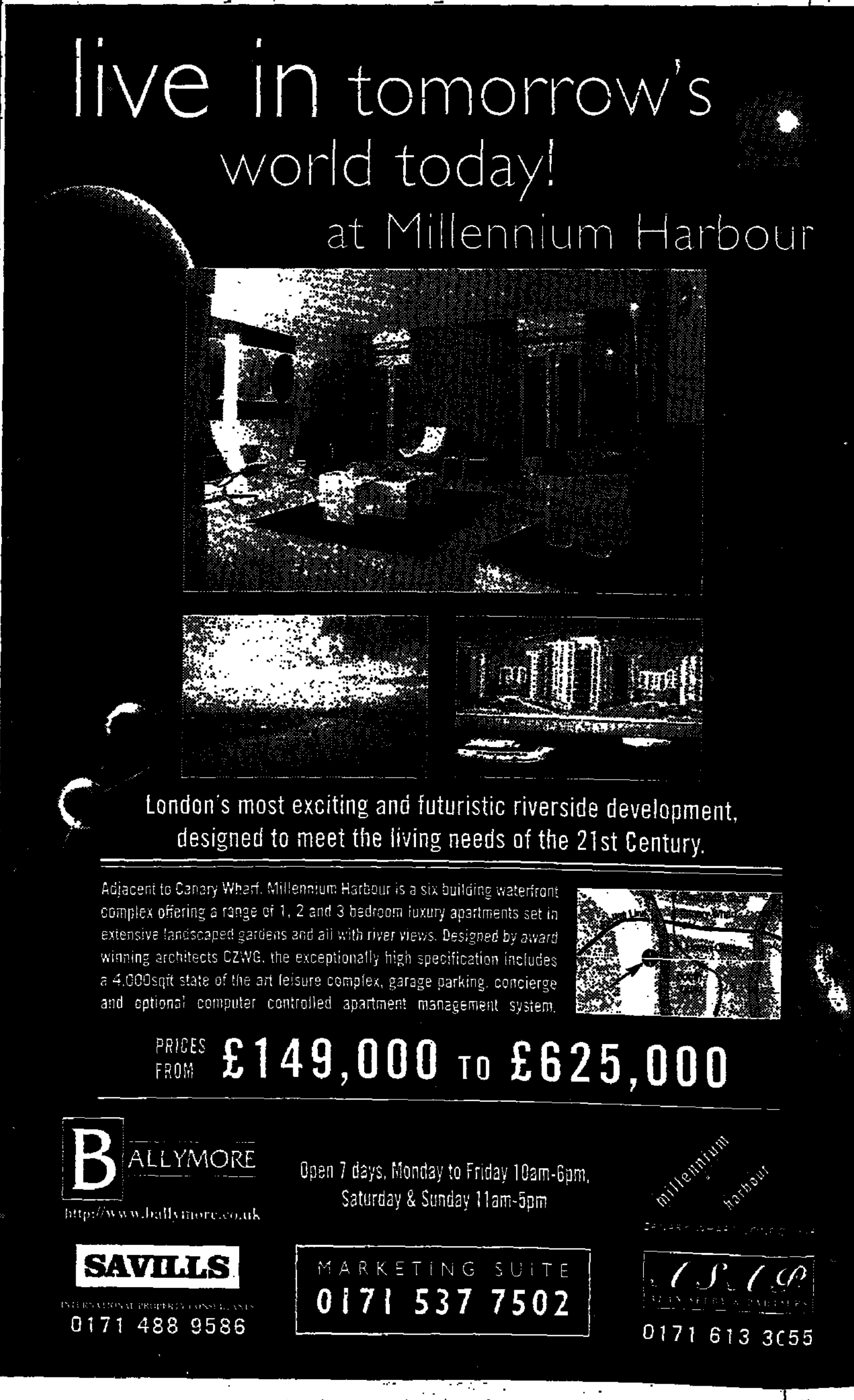
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Broadside for a naval encounter

Plans for one of Britain's finest landmarks, the Royal William Yard in Plymouth, have upset conservationists, writes **Rachel Kelly**

Conservationists have criticised proposals from developers to turn one of Britain's finest naval landmark, the Royal William Yard in Plymouth, into a factory shopping centre, flats, offices and multistory car park.

Richard Pollard, secretary of Save Britain's Heritage, last week condemned plans by the developer, MEPC, to convert the ten 19th-century buildings, once the Royal Navy's victualling yard, into a shopping centre for end-of-line stock. Part of the site will be allocated for 40 flats.

"These plans threaten to defile some of Britain's most important building," he says. "This is not just another listed building but an outstanding complex on a monumental scale. The yard has the potential to be a model of sensitive re-use. It would be a tragic lost opportunity if the plans were accepted."

> 'This is not just another listed building'

The limestone and granite buildings were built between 1824 and 1832 to the designs of John Rennie on a 14-acre site on a penisula in Plymouth harbour.

The site, at the end of the Cremyll Peninsula, is described in Pevsner's *Buildings of England* as "the first and most grandiloquent of the monumental compositions, created by the Victualling Board of the Navy after the Napoleonic Wars". The yard is also among the most remarkable examples of an early 19th-century planned layout of industrial buildings anywhere in England. The buildings are topped and tailed with cornices and plinths of Cornish granite. The yard has no fewer than seven Grade I listed buildings.

The Prince of Wales, through the Phoenix Trust, his conservation body, is working on plans for one building within the site, Mills Bakery, which would become small-business premises and flats.

Kit Martin, director of the Phoenix Trust, says: "The trust is developing a scheme to see whether a mix of uses within the mill and bakery might be possible. The site includes a group of buildings of outstanding national importance."

The Mills Bakery building covers about 160,000 sq ft and could include hundreds of flats priced from £50,000 to £200,000. It has a spectacular position overlooking the water at the site entrance. Mr Martin would like to include both flats that people could buy, as well as others to rent for those on lower incomes.

"We would include shops, cafés and small business offices with the flats," he adds. "This scheme could play a vital part in the regeneration of this magnificent dockyard."

The buildings, including the former bakery, mill, and brewery that supplied the Navy with food and drink, remained in naval use until 1990. The decision to discontinue use of the yard was made after a costings estimate for the restoration of run-down buildings had found against their retention. They have since been empty and disused.

The yard was handed over by the Ministry of Defence, with government subsidy, to Plymouth Urban Development Corporation.

Mr Pollard objects to MEPC's £60 million plan, which includes two 750-place car parks, and glass canopies to link the historic buildings and to shelter shoppers. One five-storey car park would be built into a grassy slope within the yard, with a second four-storey one half a mile north of the site. "We think the scheme is too heavily biased towards shopping," says Mr Pollard, "which means that people would be coming by car. The car parks and the external canopies are unacceptable."

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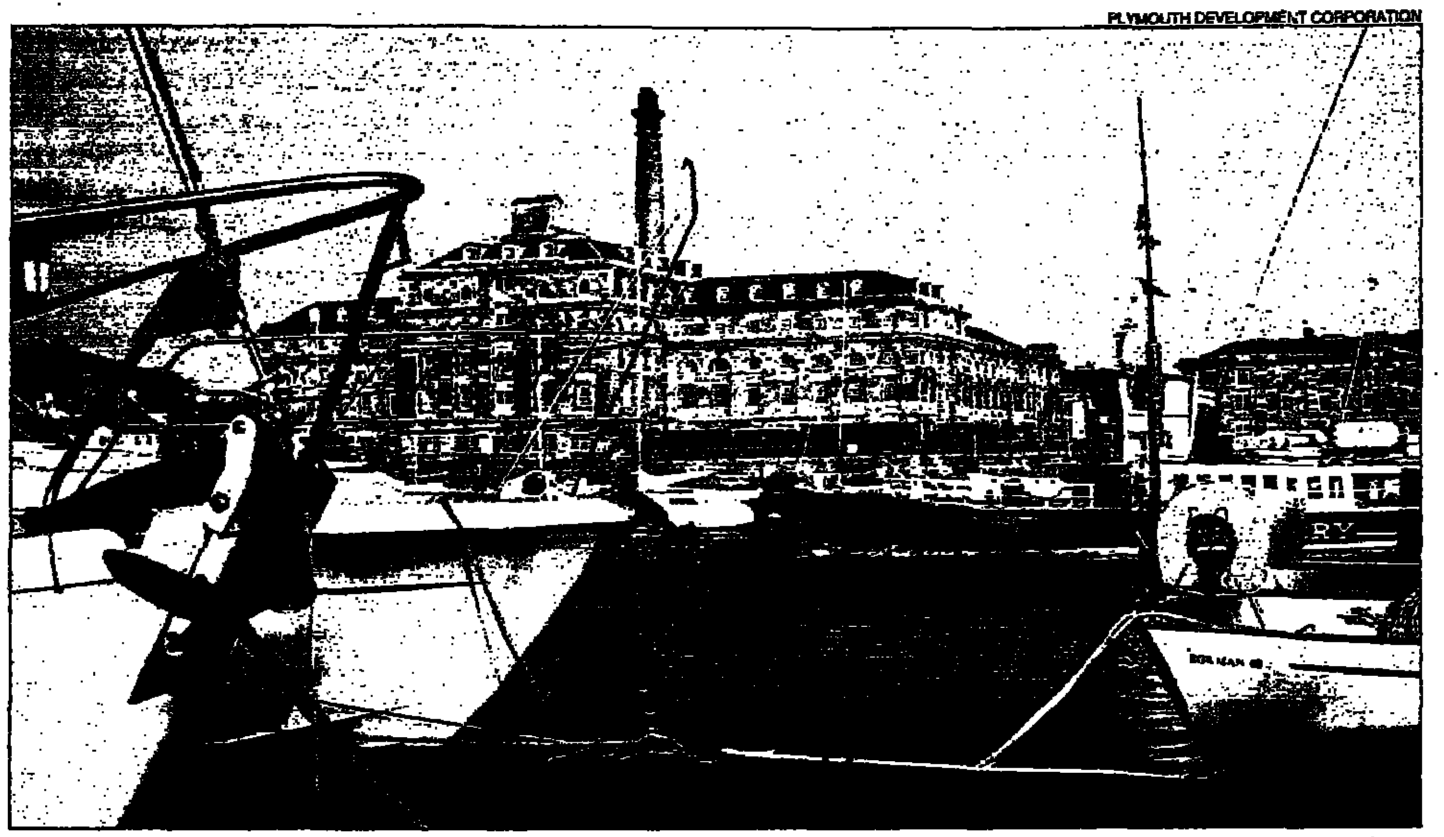

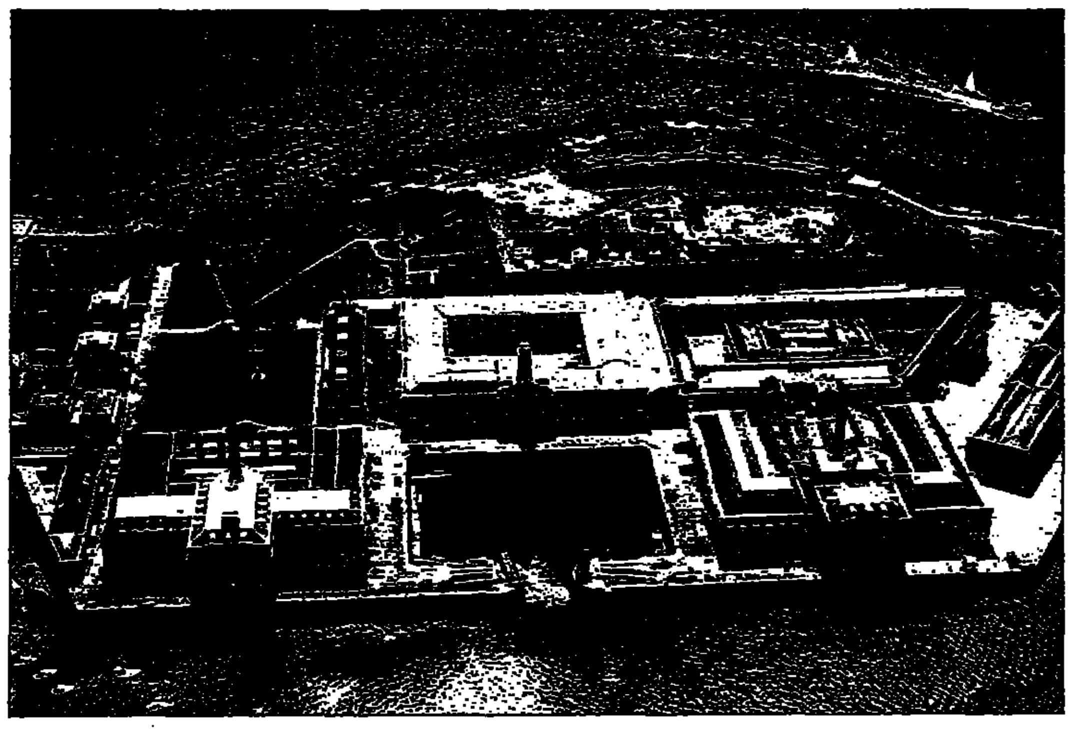

The Royal Navy's former Plymouth victualling yard: above, Mills Bakery and the Royal William Yard and, below, an aerial view

MEPC's scheme has already been unofficially adopted by the development corporation, the government agency that owns the disused yard, and is working with MEPC to develop the site. It has given MEPC time to develop detailed plans and will decide in January whether it will officially back the scheme and apply to Richard Caborn, the Planning Minister, for government approval. The scheme would rely partly on public sector grants to cover restoration. A spokeswoman for the development corporation said it had received only a few local objections to the development: "We need to create a tourist attraction to draw people to the city. We also need to back a mixed use, comprehensive and commercial scheme that will provide enough revenue to maintain these important buildings in the long term. The MEPC scheme seems to be the best for this."

Jeremy Collins, of MEPC, says: "The new development respects and enhances the buildings. The car park in the yard is screened by a perimeter wall and a grassy slope. It is naive not to provide car-parking. To make the site a success, we need people to come to it."

Mr Collins also rejected criticism of the canopies because "they make the site more friendly and attractive by linking the buildings".

Conservationists favour another scheme suggested by a local ad hoc consortium, the Royal William Yard Development Company. The Malaysian Royal Family is backing this scheme, which favours a mixed development, including housing, hotels and an art gallery.

The Malay-backed scheme is designed by Huw Thomas Architects and supported by SAVE. The Winchester firm has a track record of sensitive conversions of historic buildings. Among its work is the Penisula Barracks in Winchester.

MEPC, Britain's third biggest property firm, working with the architect Benoy, would convert the building to a complex with 11,150 sq m of factory retail space, 1,100 sq m of office space, 40 flats and a 55-bedroom hotel.

Mr Caborn will decide in January on the various schemes. It is to be hoped that he has read his Pevsner.

Lull in capital rental market

A CLUTCH of warning signals suggests that the property market is slowing down, especially in London.

Rental yields are nearly as low as at their record low in 1989 and are still falling, says Yolande Barnes of Savills.

Rents, though rising, have not kept pace with capital value increases, a sure sign of market overheating.

According to Ms Barnes, rent rises do indicate an underlying demand for housing, but capital values, which are rising even faster, may reflect investor expectations of future rental growth.

"I believe that house prices are currently too high in the capital," she says, "but I also believe that in the longer term, the prospects for Central London property are still good."

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors reports that September, traditionally among the busiest weeks for viewing, was especially quiet. Ian Stewart, from the RICS, says: "The market was subdued partly because of the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, and the hot weather. But we have also noticed a lower level of activity and a growing resistance among buyers to overpricing. This would seem to herald a more stable market."

There have been five interest rate rises since May which have added about £50 a month to the cost of a £50,000 mortgage. The rate rises have hit buyers at the bottom of the market, which was making the slowest recovery.

The top end of the market has slowed down as buyers adjust to the Budget increases in stamp duty on houses worth more than £250,000.

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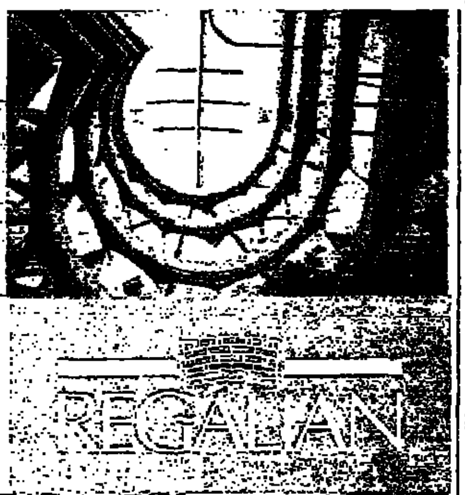

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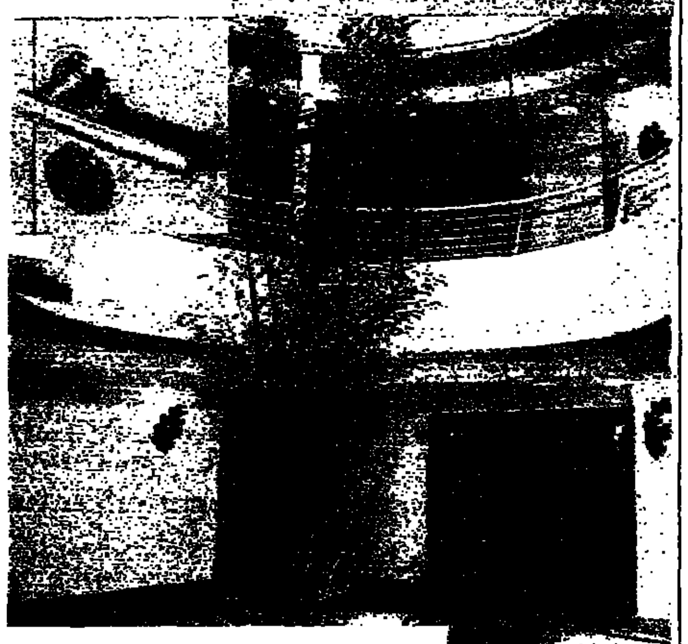

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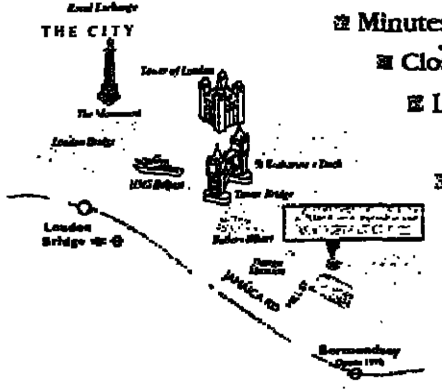

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Joint succession forbidden

Newham London Borough Council v Phillips

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Hutchison and Lord Justice Thorpe

[Judgment October 30]

An official form under section 89 of the Housing Act 1985 signed by two sisters to succeed their mother as secure tenants following her death and which was countersigned by the housing authority did not create a joint tenancy.

The statutory provisions did not permit joint succession and an agreement between the sisters before signing the form that one of them only should succeed operated to vest the tenancy in that sister alone.

The Court of Appeal so held in reserved judgments dismissing an appeal by Newham London Borough Council from the dismissal of its claim for possession of 77 Clarence Road, Canning Town, by Judge Hornby in Bow County Court on November 1, 1996, on the ground that Josephine Phillips enjoyed a secure tenancy of the house *under section 30 of the* Housing Act 1980, now section 89 of the Housing Act 1985.

The four-bedroomed house, had been let on a secure tenancy to Mrs Iris Phillips. *She died on* October 3, 1983.

Two of her daughters, Josephine and Beryl, fulfilled the criteria set out in section 30 of the 1980 Act to succeed their mother as tenant. Following the death, there had been a family agreement that *Josephine should be the successor.*

On October 6, 1983, at the council's housing office both sisters signed a form headed: "To be signed by successor tenant". The form, that stated: "I am successor to the above-mentioned tenant under the provisions of section 30 of the Housing Act..." was countersigned by a housing officer.

Asked whether she objected to Beryl's name being put on the rent book issued by the council, Josephine said she did not, providing it would not affect her own status as the successor tenant. Thereafter Josephine and Beryl lived in the house until 1993 when their relationship broke down.

Beryl then asked to be rehoused and, on advice from the council, she served a notice to quit on Josephine which purported to terminate the tenancy with effect from October 17, 1994: see *Hammersmith and Fulham London Borough Council v Monk* ([1992] 1 AC 478).

The judge held that the notice to quit was invalid as Josephine had *succeeded to her mother's tenancy* as a sole tenant.

Miss Gillian Carrington for the council; Miss Josephine Phillips in person.

LORD JUSTICE HUTCHISON said that the council did not challenge the judge's finding that Josephine became the successor tenant by virtue of the family agreement shortly after her mother's death.

Its case was that it was entitled to possession because *either (i)* when the form was signed on October 6, 1983, Josephine surrendered by operation of law the tenancy she had succeeded to *immediately following* her mother's death and replaced it with a joint tenancy, or *(ii)* Josephine was estopped by her conduct on October 6 and subsequently from *denying that she and Beryl were* joint tenants.

Both parties accepted that as a matter of law the transmission of the tenancy under section 30 of the 1980 Act to the sisters as joint tenants was impossible: see *Dealex Properties Ltd v Brooks* ([1965] 1 QB 542).

It was impossible to attribute to Josephine a surrender of her tenancy. Even if one regarded what was written in the document *signed by the sisters* as prima facie indicative of a willingness on the part of Josephine to be a joint successor tenant with Beryl, why should that lead to an inference of surrender and the grant of a fresh tenancy rather than to the simple conclusion that Josephine alone remained the tenant and the inclusion of Beryl was of no effect?

Unless there was an act by *Josephine pointing unequivocally* to surrender by her of her tenancy by succession, no question of surrender by operation of law could arise. There was no such unequivocal act: rather the opposite.

Turning to the council's alternative argument that Josephine was estopped from denying that she and Beryl were joint tenants, nothing that occurred on and after October 6, 1983 could have had the *effect of putting an end to the* tenancy. There was no basis on which a joint tenancy by estoppel could be said to have arisen.

At best the council could argue for an estoppel *preventing* Josephine from denying the existence of such a tenancy. However it could not succeed in the absence of some evidence of detriment to the council and there was none.

Moreover, given the judge's findings, Josephine's conduct after *October 6 did not justify a finding* of an unequivocal representation by her that Beryl was a joint tenant.

Lord Justice Nourse and Lord *Justice Thorpe agreed.*

Solicitors: Mr J. D. Smith, East Ham.

Tribunals' power to regulate procedure

Eurobell (Holdings) plc v Barker and Another

Before Mr Justice Morison, Lord Gladwin of Clee and Miss A. Mackie

[Judgment November 3]

An order made by an industrial tribunal that there should be a *simultaneous exchange of witness* statements by both parties of all witnesses on whom each party intended to rely and that there should be no further witnesses called at the *hearing without the* leave of the tribunal was within the tribunal's powers under rules 9 and 13(1) of the Rules of Procedure contained in Schedule 1 to the *Industrial Tribunal (Constitution* and Rules of Procedure) Regulations (SI 1993 No 2687).

The Employment Appeal Tribunal so held when dismissing an appeal by the employers, *Eurobell* (Holdings) plc from an order made by an industrial tribunal sitting at Southampton on November 20, 1996, on complaints of unfair dismissal and breach of contract by the employees, Mrs K. Barker and Ms G. Markham.

Rule 9 of the 1993 Rules provides:

"(1) The tribunal shall make such inqiries of persons appearing be*fore it and witnesses as it considers* appropriate and shall otherwise conduct the hearing in such manner as it considers most appropriate for the clarification of the *issues before it and generally to the* just handling of the proceedings.

"(2) Subject to paragraph (1), at the hearing of the originating application a party shall be en*titled to give evidence,* to call witnesses, to question any witness and to address the tribunal."

Rule 13 provides:

"(1) Subject to the provision of these rules, a tribunal may regulate its own procedure."

Mr *Jonathan Swift for the* employers; the employees did not appear and were not represented.

MR JUSTICE MORISON said that two questions were raised by counsel's argument:

1 What was the proper construction of the *1993 Rules,* and in particular rule 13(1)?

2 What was the status of a so-called practice direction issued by the President of the Industrial Tribunals from which it seemed that the preparation of witness statements in advance of the hearing was regarded as a matter left to the parties' discretion and with which the tribunal's order was said to be inconsistent?

On *the first issue,* the appeal tribunal approached the task of construction with a clear disposition in favour of the decision of the industrial tribunal. Case *management by an industrial* tribunal was critical to a fair, orderly, just and efficient hearing.

It would be regrettable if the rules were so construed that indus*trial tribunals* were *not entitled to* regulate their own procedure in the way the Southampton industrial tribunal had done.

The right to call witnesses re*ferred to in rule 9(2) was subject to* rule 9(1). Sub-rule (1) permitted the tribunal to conduct the hearing in such manner as it considered most appropriate "for the clarification of *the issues before it and generally to* the just handling of the proceedings".

It seemed clear that a tribunal would be entitled to require a party to *tell it the* substance of the evidence to be given by a witness before he or she was called to give it.

In appropriate cases a tribunal could require a party to provide it with a written statement of that witness's evidence so that it could carry out its duty under rule 9(1), whether under the power to regu*late its own procedure* or under the power to make directions con*ferred by rule 16.*

It seemed to the appeal tribunal that a tribunal had the power to require a written statement of evidence in advance of the hearing. *Rule 13(1) enabled* a tribunal to require a party to do in advance of the hearing what it could do at the hearing.

The direction issued by the President of the Industrial Tribunals had no standing in law. *The functions of the president were* set out in the 1993 Regulations. He was given no power to make practice directions nor any general power to make orders regulating *the tribunals' procedure of a sort* which was the equivalent to rule 13(1).

That said, the appeal tribunal could well understand the motives which *prompted the president to* make such a direction. In the opinion of the President of the Appeal Tribunal, it was desirable that the tribunals sought to agree on what was *best practice* from the point of view of the judicial management of proceedings and that if necessary, the President of the Industrial Tribunals should be given *statutory power to make* practice directions which applied country wide.

The appeal would be dismissed.

Solicitors: Clifford Chance.

Chancery Division

No dissent reasons for arbitrator

Cargill International SA and Another v Sociedad Iberica de Molturacion SA and Others

Before Mr Justice Colman

[Judgment August 12]

An arbitrator who disagreed with the majority view was not entitled to insist on inserting his dissenting *reasons before signing the award* as required by the rules, when there was no provision in the rules for him to do so.

Mr Justice Colman so held in the *Commercial Court of the Queen's* Bench Division on originating summonses issued against each other by Cargill International SA Antigua (Geneva branch) and *Cargill Incorporated on the one hand* and Sociedad Iberica de Molturacion SA (SIMSA), the Grain and Feed Trade Association (GAFTA), Derek R. Marshall, Anthony G. Scott and Ronald J Short on the other.

Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC and Mr *Mark Hoyle for Cargill; Mr Murray Pickering,* QC, for SIMSA.

MR JUSTICE COLMAN said that GAFTA, an important commodity association, provided arbitration facilities in London for parties from all over the world and *was the arbitration forum selected* by the contract between the parties should a dispute arise.

The arbitrations were two-tier arbitrations: there was a first tier conducted by three arbitrators, one to be appointed by each of the two parties to the dispute and the third to be appointed by GAFTA; then there was a second tier or appeal stage which was conducted by way of a re-hearing before a board of appeal consisting of members appointed by GAFTA.

Rule 3 of GAFTA's rules provides: "(8) If an arbitrator dies, or refuses to act, or becomes incapable of acting, or fails to proceed with *the arbitration ... the* party appointing such arbitrator shall forthwith appoint a substitute..."

Rule 7 provides: "(1) All awards *of arbitration shall be in writing on* an official form issued by the association and shall be signed by the sole arbitrator or by all members of the tribunal...

"*(2) The award shall state the* arbitrators' reasons therefor and whether any sum awarded carries interest thereon."

When a dispute arose between *the parties to the sale contract each* party appointed an arbitrator. SIMSA appointed Mr Bridge; Cargill apointed Mr Scott; and GAFTA appointed Mr Marshall.

Mr Scott and Mr Marshall had signed an award relating to the dispute but Mr Bridge had not because he wished to have inserted in the award his own reasons *which were inconsistent with or* different from the reasons of the other two arbitrators.

The other two arbitrators were unwilling to permit him to insert his own reasons into the award.

GAFTA stated that rule 7(1) required the award to be signed by all members of the *tribunal irrespective* of whether or not one of the *members* was in full or part agreement with the final decision.

Cargill called on SIMSA to appoint a substitute arbitrator under rule 3(8) but SIMSA de*clined, asserting that the fact that* an arbitrator refused to sign an award did not of itself constitute a refusal to act within rule 3(8). Accordingly, GAFTA, under rule *3(7) appointed Mr Short on behalf* of SIMSA as a substitute arbitrator.

SIMSA now applied for a declaration that the appointment of Mr Short as arbitrator was invalid and that he had no jurisdiction to determine the dispute.

They argued that if an arbitrator wished to insert dissenting reasons into a first tier award, he should be entitled to do so and he did not in so requesting refuse to act or fail to proceed with the arbitration even if he declined to sign the award unless he was permitted to insert the reasons.

SIMSA said it was absolutely *fundamental to an arbitrator's* duty that he should be given the opportunity of expressing a dissenting view, in particular in a first tier arbitration as here, where *the availability of that view on the* hearing of an appeal might be of considerable importance and assistance.

His Lordship construed the *rules. He said that rule 7(1) made it* clear that all the members of the tribunal were to sign an arbitration award. Rule 7(2) made it clear that each award issued should state the *arbitrators' reasons for* the award.

In rule 7(2) it was instructive to observe that the provision was that the award should state the arbitrators' *reasons therefor;* that is to say that the award, which expressed the conclusion of the arbitrators on the dispute in question, should contain the reasons for that conclusion.

Accordingly, rule 7(2) took no *account of arbitrators' views which* in the case of a minority view might not be the reasons for the award in question. Rule 7(2) was concerned exclusively with the award which the majority made and with the reasons which were *the reasons for that award.*

If an arbitrator dissented in the sense that he was unable to agree with the majority view, it was accepted on behalf of SIMSA that *the majority view prevailed in the* sense that an award could only be the majority award. It was not suggested that awards had to be unanimous.

Accordingly, given that rule 7(1) and rule 7(2) envisaged that all GAFTA awards in which there were three arbitrators would be signed by all the members of the tribunal, and that all such GAFTA awards would be either an award with which all three members of *the tribunal agreed or would* be majority awards, it had to follow that there was an obligation on each of the members of the tribunal to sign each award *regardless of whether he agreed or* did not agree with the view of the majority.

If an arbitrator declined to sign an award which was a majority *award on the ground that he was* precluded from inserting or the other arbitrators were unwilling to permit him to insert *his* own reasons into the award for the view which he held, it was quite impossible to contend that he was complying with rule 7(1).

It was not open to an arbitrator to insist on his own reasons for his own dissenting view being inserted into an award and to withhold his signature of the award until that was done.

Mr Pickering contended that that was professionally unacceptable to an independent arbitrator and to the whole system of commercial arbitration, because it was requiring an arbitrator to put *his signature to something* with which he did not agree.

His Lordship was unable to accept that argument. It was absolutely clear to anybody who was concerned with first tier GAFTA awards that they were *made on a majority basis* and that the signature of members of the tribunal to a particular award did *not indicate at all that any single* member of the tribunal agreed with the final conclusion.

The only assumption that could be made in relation to the views of the *individual members of the* tribunal was that at least two of them supported the final conclusion and the award as published. No assumption could be made as *to which two and there* was no reason why the appointers of the arbitrators should be informed as to the views of the individual members of the tribunal in respect of the ultimate award.

The argument that it was important to have dissenting reasons *for the purposes of the appeal* system in GAFTA was misconceived. It might well be that it would be useful to have all possible views on the submissions of the *respective parties, but at the end of* the day the appeal system involved a re-hearing.

It clearly started from the existing award which had been made *on* a first tier arbitration and as part of that award it had the *reasons of at least the majority* for arriving *at the conclusion* which was the basis of the award.

Therefore GAFTA had not misapplied rule 3(8). An arbitrator who would not sign an award for an *unjustifiable reason was an* arbitrator who either refused to act or failed to proceed with the arbitration within rule 3(8) and accordingly the substituted ar*bitrator had been validly* appointed by GAFTA under rule *3(7)*

Solicitors: Mr Brian Perrott, Cobham; Turner & Co.

Complaint fell outwith rules

Regina v General Medical* Council, Ex parte Stewart *and Others

A person whose complaint to the General Medical Council about a medical practitioner's professional conduct was unsupported by a statutory declaration or affidavit was not a "complainant" under *rules 17, 20 and 48 of the General* Medical Council Preliminary Proceedings Committee and Professional Conduct Committee (Procedure) Rules Order of Council *(SI 1988 No 2255), and, accordingly,* he was not entitled to receive documentation relating to the *GMC's inquiry* into the misconduct complained of, or to attend the inquiry except as a member of the public.

Mr Justice Lightman, sitting as *an additional judge of the Queen's* Bench Division, so held in a reserved judgment on October 8, when dismissing the application of Ian Stewart and others for judicial *review of the GMC's decision* to refuse (i) to provide them with documentation relating to its inquiry into the professional conduct of three doctors by whom they had *been treated; and (ii) to allow them* to be present throughout the inquiry, including when in camera, by a legal or other representative.

HIS LORDSHIP said that for the purposes of those rules "complainant" meant the person whose complaint was being proceeded with.

That could not be the applicants first, because rule 6(2) provided that no complaint could proceed beyond consideration by the screening committee unless supported by statutory declaration or affidavit; and second, because the solicitor to the GMC made the formal complaint which resulted in the charges against the doctors.

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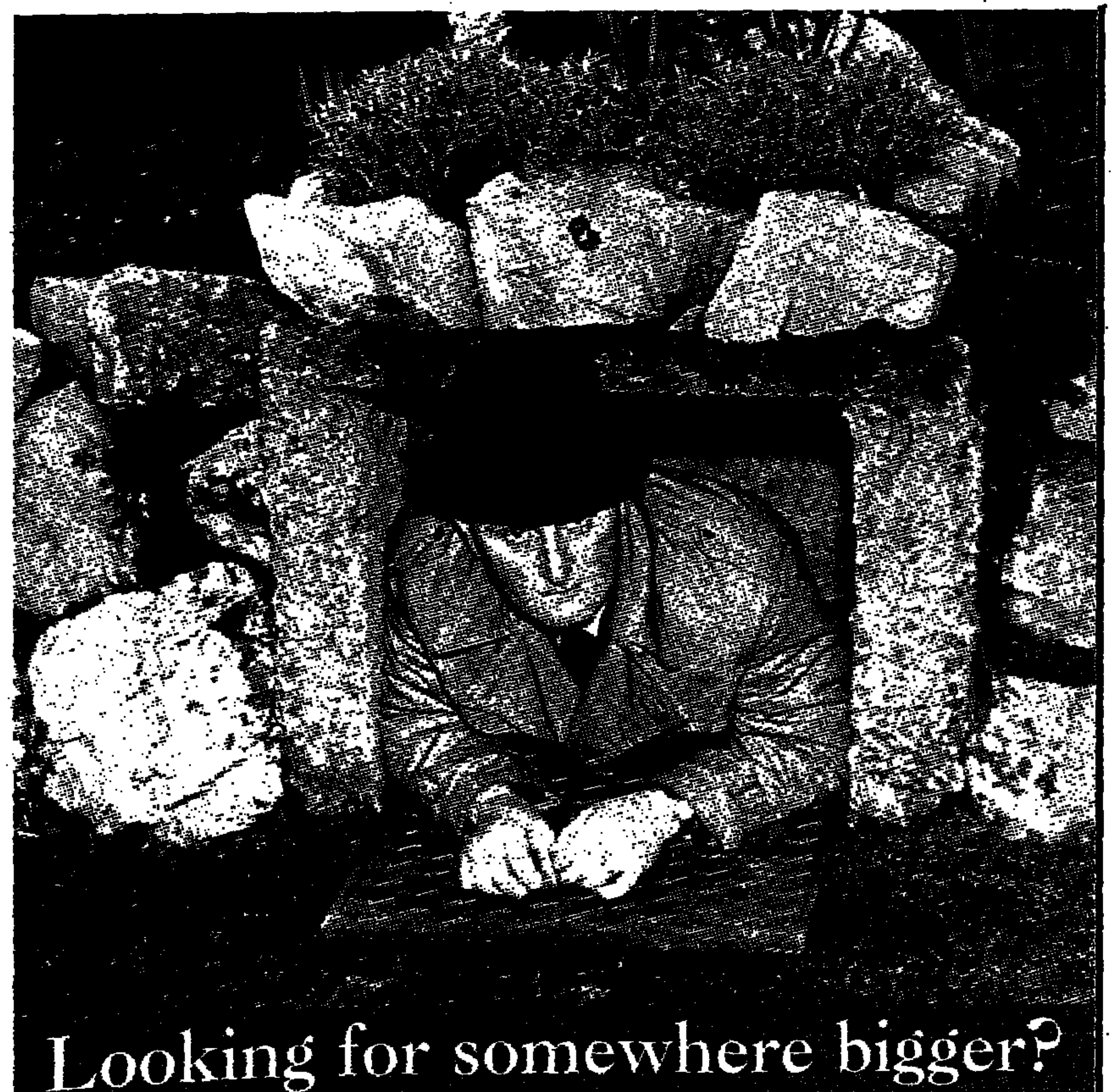

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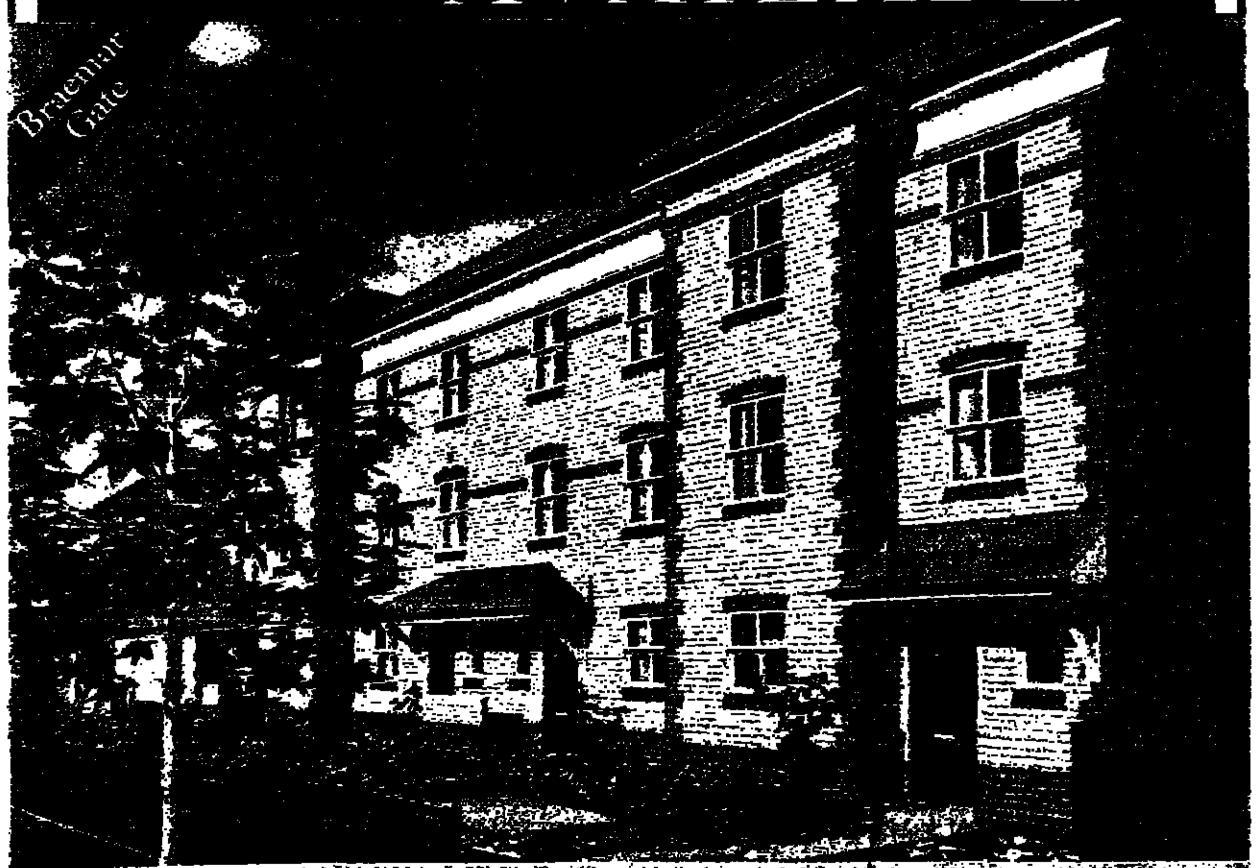

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RACING: DAVIES IN SPONSORSHIP ROW AT NICHOLSON'S BASE

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Wise King, nearside, keeps Moon Devil at bay in the Seven Barrows Novices' Handicap Hurdle at Newbury

Dispute ruffles feathers at Jackdaws Castle

By Richard Evans, racing correspondent

MEL DAVIES, the high-profile racehorse owner behind the recent unsuccessful attempt to set up a new racecourse in Wales, is being sued for £20,000 in a sponsorship dispute involving Jackdaws Castle, the training base of David Nicholson.

The disagreement concerns an unpaid sponsorship bill — and how many of the 108 horses trained by Nicholson were covered by a £40,000-a-year deal involving Faucets, a company distributing bathroom equipment which is run by Davies.

The Welshman, who owned Barnbrook Again, the former champion two-mile chaser, and has two horses in training with Nicholson, agreed to a £50,000 deal in March 1996 for Faucets to sponsor Jackdaws Castle. That figure was subsequently reduced to £40,000 when the owners of Viking Flagship, the dual Queen Mother Champion Chase winner, and a small number of other horses said they did not wish to be covered by the agreement.

Nonetheless, an option to renew the sponsorship for a further year was taken up last October but Davies has paid only half the £40,000 owing — because of, he claims, the number of horses not covered by the sponsorship.

Colin Smith, of Ford Farm Racing, the partnership which owns Jackdaws Castle, has had several conversations with Davies but has now accepted the non-payment as repudiation of the contract with Faucets and informed the British Horseracing Board (BHB) that the sponsorship has been terminated. He is now seeking a new sponsor for the Cotswolds yard.

The dispute is something of an embarrassment for Davies as he is a council member of the Horse Racing Sponsors' Association and has played a leading role as a member of the Racehorse Owners' Association, selling the collective sponsorship rights of some owners.

Davies, whose company also sponsors several races, said yesterday: "I was hoping this could be resolved without this nonsense. We were, and still are, hopeful that it can be resolved. It is a strange scenario when someone has put £60,000 into a yard for sponsorship, protecting the interests of the VAT concession for 70-plus owners, that they are treated so badly."

He stressed that the dispute did not involve Nicholson. He said: "I hope my relationship with him will remain as it always has been — amicable." Davies intimated Turning Trix and Bramblehill Duke, his pair of horses at Jackdaws Castle, would remain in training with Nicholson.

At Newbury yesterday, Sanmartino continued his hurdling education with a bloodless victory in the Newbury Autumn Hurdle and is likely to return to the Berkshire course at the end of this month for the Gerry Feilden Hurdle. All being well, the 1995 Ebor winner will then go for the Christmas Hurdle at Kempton.

The only semblance of a mistake came at the third last, where the first hurdler to run in Khaled Abdulla's silks clipped the top of the obstacle. However, he possessed too much finishing speed for his three rivals and won by six lengths.

"So far, it has gone according to plan and we are pressing the right buttons. He's a smashing horse to train and loves decent ground," Nicholson said. Although Sanmartino is 16-1 for the Champion Hurdle, the trainer is not committing himself. "We can always go up in trip. He has won at two miles five round Liverpool, but at the moment the plan is to stick to two miles."

Nicholson intends to run Destin D'Estruval and Potters Bay in the Murphy's Gold Cup at Cheltenham on Saturday, with Adrian Maguire expected to ride the latter.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Donjuan Collonges
(1.30 Worcester)

Tim Forster invariably strikes form in November and he sends a strong team to Worcester. None makes more appeal than Donjuan Collonges, a progressive chaser who won first time out last season.

NB: Bold Statement
(2.00 Worcester)

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

In the first two matches of this year's BBL Premier League there were two hands which revolved round a similar theme in clubs and diamonds. This is the first of them.

Dealer North **Game all** **IMPs**

♠J42
♥K1073
♦J765
♣72

♠1093
♥AQJ654
♦A1043
♣—

N W E S

♠7
♥82
♦Q8
♣KQJ106543

♠AKQ865
♥9
♦K92
♣A98

S	W	N	E
—	—	Pass	4C
4S	All Pass		

Contract: Four Spades by South. Lead: ace of hearts.

The above auction occurred at several tables. At one table West continued with the jack of hearts at trick two, and declarer won with the king, discarding a diamond from hand. He played a diamond to the eight, nine and ten, and West continued with ace and another diamond. That enabled East to ruff one of dummy's diamonds winners. After overruffing, declarer was a trick short — he made six spades, a heart, a diamond and a club.

The better line is to leave the king of hearts in dummy for later use. By playing the jack of hearts at trick two, West established a tenace in dummy over his Qx of hearts. Thus he will not be able to exit in hearts.

It is clear that East must have eight clubs — else why hasn't West led one. Thus with no communication between West and East, the best line is to try to make two diamond tricks. Declarer should ruff the second heart, and play three rounds of spades ending in dummy. Now he plays a diamond to the nine and West cannot prevent declarer from making two diamonds tricks. This line would also succeed if East's diamonds were 10x or 10xx.

The Lederer Memorial Trophy, played at the weekend, was won by the President's team, Bernard Teltscher, Tony Priday, Willie Coyle, Victor Silverstone, David Edwin and Geoffrey Breskal. Ireland were runners-up.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
chess correspondent

Kasparov's Scholarship

In the course of his tour through Great Britain Kasparov also found time to inaugurate a special annual scholarship at Oakham School. From now on Oakham will accept one pupil each year, whose name has been put forward by Kasparov as a particularly promising chess prospect. Oakham is unusual in British educational circles in that the school also employs a full time professional chess coach in the person of Graham Lee.

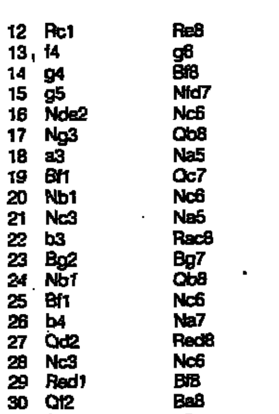
To inaugurate the Kasparov Scholarship the world champion took on several players at the same time at Oakham last week. Today's game, from that display, sees him overpowering the Oakham chess coach. Black chose a somewhat passive defence, and then compounded matters by mistiming a central counter-attack, after which the champion showed him no mercy.

White: Gary Kasparov
Black: Graham Lee
Oakham Simultaneous Display,
November 1997

English Opening

1	c4	Nf6
2	Nc3	c5
3	Nf3	e6
4	g3	b6
5	Bg2	Bb7
6	0-0	a6
7	Re1	d6
8	e4	Qc7
9	d4	cxd4
10	Nxd4	Be7
11	Be3	0-0
12	Rc1	Re8
13	f4	g6
14	g4	Bf8
15	g5	Nfd7
16	Nde2	Nc6
17	Ng3	Qb8
18	a3	Na5
19	Bf1	Qc7
20	Nb1	Nc6
21	Nc3	Na5
22	b3	Rac8
23	Bg2	Bg7
24	Nb1	Qb8
25	Bf1	Nc6
26	b4	Na7
27	Qd2	Red8
28	Nc3	Nc6
29	Red1	Bf8
30	Qf2	Ba8
31	Rc2	a5
32	b5	Ne7
33	Rcd2	d5
34	f5	gxf5
35	exd5	e5
36	Nxd5	Nxd5
37	cxd5	Bxa3
38	Ne4	Bb4
39	Qh4	Bxd2
40	Rxd2	Nf8
41	Qh6	Bxd5
42	Nf6+	Kh8
43	Nh5	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

HOPI
a. A Greek breathing
b. An Amerindian
c. A budgerigar

MACCA
a. A prickle
b. A Borneo lingo
c. A cane

MPRET
a. Ready in Greek
b. A straw hat
c. The Albanian ruler

NOCEUR
a. A libertine
b. A nut-seller
c. A story-teller

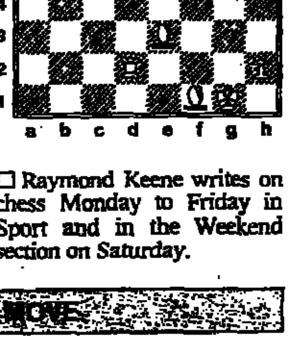
Answers on page 50

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Reti - Straat, Scheveningen 1923.

Black has a nasty pin against White's knight on d3, so White has to strike quickly against the exposed black king. What is the surprising coup that netted him a decisive advantage?



Solution on page 50

NEWBURY

THUNDERER
1.20 Hillswick
1.50 Mutual Agreement
2.20 Daraydan
2.50 Northern Starlight
3.20 Faustino
3.50 Cherrymore

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

1.20 FURLONG CLUB NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,765: 3m 110yd) (4 runners)

1 31/23-6 INTO THE WEB 22 (D,S) (F Sainsbury) Mrs M Jones 6-11-10 ... D Byrne 85
2 FF3/5/F SHIMBA HILLS 14 (S) (Mrs K Shaw) G McCourt 9-11-0 ... D Bridgwater —
3 F0PP/21 HILLSWICK 20 (F) (M Court) J King 6-10-9 ... A P McCoy 96
4 0/50-6 JAVELIN COOL 14 (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 6-10-0 ... R Thornton (3) —

Long handicap: Javelin Cool 9-6
BETTING: 4-5 Hillswick, 5-2 Into The Web, 6-1 Javelin Cool, 8-1 Shimba Hills
1996: QUEEN'S AWARD 7-10-0 M Griffiths (9-4 fav) R Buckler 9 ran

FORM FOCUS Into The Web 21l 6th to The Full Monty in 2m Huntingdon novice hurdle (good). Shimba Hills fell in 2m 3f Fontwell amateurs' handicap chase Fontwell (good): previously 45l 5th to Harwell Lad in 3m Exeter handicap chase (good to soft). Hillswick beat Don't Tell Tom ¾l in 2¾m Ludlow novice handicap hurdle (good to firm). Javelin Cool a distance last of 6 to Gentleman Jim in 2¼m Fontwell maiden hurdle (good).

HILLSWICK has an outstanding opportunity to add to his Ludlow win

1.50 LIONEL VICK MEMORIAL NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,539: 3m) (4 runners)

1 F-11411 MUTUAL AGREEMENT 20 (D,F,G,S) (E Duke) P Nicholls 10-11-10 M A Fitzgerald 99
2 301P-61 SNOW BOARD 16 (B,D,F,S) (F Sainsbury) Mrs M Jones 8-11-3 ... D Byrne 87
3 442342- CALLEVA STAR 252 (J Burley) R Alner 6-10-12 ... P Holley 94
4 54025-P LAUGHING FONTAINE 23 (BF) (Laughing Stock) K Bailey 7-10-0 Mr R Wakley (5) —

BETTING: 11-8 Mutual Agreement, 11-4 Calleva Star, 7-2 Snow Board, 9-2 Laughing Fontaine.
1996: GOLDENSWIFT 6-11-1 B Fenton (2-1 fav) G Balding 7 ran

FORM FOCUS Mutual Agreement beat Hillhead 1½l in 3¼m Wincanton handicap chase (good). Snow Board beat Prideaux Prince 4l in 2¾m Towcester chase (good to firm). Calleva Star 3l 2nd to Cariboo Gold in 3m Bangor novice handicap chase (soft). Laughing Fontaine pulled up in 3¼m Plumpton novice handicap chase (good)

SNOW BOARD should outclass these though conditions are not ideal

2.20 TOM MASSON TROPHY HURDLE
(£5,344: 2m 5f) (3 runners)

1 30321-1 DARAYDAN 14 (D,F,G,S) (D Johnson) M Pipe 5-11-4 ... A P McCoy 137
2 3-1 OCCOLD 25 (G) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 6-11-4 ... R Thornton 103
3 6541P-1 FLAXLEY WOOD 13 (G,S) (Mrs D La Trobe) R Buckler 6-11-0 ... B Powell 101

BETTING: 2-9 Daraydan, 7-2 Occold, 12-1 Flaxley Wood
1996: MANDYS MANTINO 6-11-8 P Hide (evens fav) J Gifford 4 ran

FORM FOCUS Daraydan beat Pleasureland 8l in 2m 5f Cheltenham handicap hurdle (good to firm). Occold beat Supreme Charm 5l in 2¾m Stratford novice hurdle (good). Flaxley Wood beat Name Of Our Father 1l in 2¾m Stratford handicap hurdle (good)

DARAYDAN is favoured by the race conditions

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N Henderson	19	101	18.8	C Maude	5	45	11.1
M Pipe	15	88	17.0	M Fitzgerald	11	103	10.7
R Alner	5	32	15.6	D Bridgwater	7	67	10.4

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101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robertson) B Hall 12-0 ... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F if flat (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Timekeeper's speed rating

2.50 HALLOWEEN NOVICES CHASE
(£3,795: 2m 4f) (4 runners)

1 F1-2111 NORTHERN STARLIGHT 4 (D,F,G,S) (A Souch) M Pipe 6-11-12 ... A P McCoy 135
2 1P/110- COPPER BOY 245 (G,S) (C Raymond) R Buckler 8-11-3 ... B Powell —
3 P313-2 KILLEANEY CARR 14 (F) (Miss J Semple) J Gifford 6-11-3 ... L Aspell (3) —
4 105411- MAHLER 208 (D,G,S) (English Badminton Pnc) N T-Davies 7-11-3 ... C Maude —

BETTING: 1-3 Northern Starlight, 4-1 Mahler, 13-2 Copper Boy, 16-1 Killeaney Carr
1996: REDEEMYOURSELF 7-11-3 P Hide (6-4 fav) J Gifford 7 ran

FORM FOCUS Northern Starlight beat Hurdante 24l in 2½m Chepstow grade II novice chase (good to soft). Copper Boy 61l 24th to Big Strand in 2m 5f Cheltenham handicap hurdle (good to firm). Killeaney Carr a distance 2nd of 6 to Gentleman Jim in 2¼m Fontwell maiden hurdle (good). Mahler beat Morpheus 1l in 2½m Ayr novice handicap hurdle (good)

NORTHERN STARLIGHT has taken well to chasing and can continue his winning run

3.20 WINTERBOURNE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,575: 2m 1f) (3 runners)

1 4-3F123 FAUSTINO 16 (BF,F) (Bitbrook '4') P Hobbs 5-11-10 ... R Thornton 107
2 1312-P2 DR ROCKET 9 (F,G,S) (Rocketeers) R Dickin 12-10-13 ... X Aizpuru 108
3 P0002-2 BLACK STATEMENT 14 (B Naylor) J Gifford 7-10-0 ... L Aspell 90

Long handicap: Black Statement 9-12
BETTING: 11-8 Faustino, 15-8 Dr Rocket, 9-4 Black Statement
1996: SUPER TACTICS 8-12-0 P Henley (2-1) R Alner 5 ran

FORM FOCUS Faustino 25l 2nd to Green Green Desert over course and distance yesterday, previously 29l 3rd to Parliamentarian in 2m Towcester handicap chase (good to firm). Dr Rocket 3l 2nd to Supertrack in 2m Plumpton handicap chase (good to firm). Black Statement 27l 2nd to Nescaf in 2¼m Fontwell novices handicap chase (good)

FAUSTINO, outclassed here yesterday, faces an easier task

3.50 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(Qualifier £2,921: 2m 110yd) (12 runners)

1 21-0 BIG PERKS 7 (D,F) (R Parkes) P Dalton 5-11-0 ... C Maude —
2 124- BILLINGSGATE 277 (D,S) (Dr D Chesney) Dr D Chesney 5-11-0 ... A P McCoy —
3 104- CHERRYMORE 209 (D,S) (R & Exors Late E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-0 R Farrant 107
4 611- COUNTRY BEAU 235 (D,G,S) (Mrs J Peppiatt) J King 5-11-0 M A Fitzgerald —
5 FP- JOCTOR DON 224 (Mrs D Strauss) J S Moore 5-11-0 ... Mr S Durack (7) —
6 MAJESTIC AFFAIR (Knights' Racing) N Henderson 5-11-0 ... J R Kavanagh —
7 0- NEWS FLASH 257 (P Sims) A Turnell 5-11-0 ... L Harvey 70
8 P3/05- PEDLAR'S CROSS 256 (A Merrin) G McCourt 5-11-0 ... D Bridgwater —
9 PERSIAN BOY (Y Manley) O Sherwood 5-11-0 ... J Osborne —
10 40- RACKETBALL 231 (Mrs S Tainton) N Twiston-Davies 4-11-0 ... C Llewellyn —
11 4- SKYCAB 286 (P Betts) J Gifford 5-11-0 ... P Hide —
12 314-4 BESSIE BROWNE 33 (G) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 5-10-9 ... R Thornton (3) —

BETTING: 11-4 Country Beau, 5-1 Cherrymore, 7-1 Billingsgate, Bessie Browne, 8-1 Persian Boy, Racketball, 10-1 Big Perks, Skycab, 12-1 others.
1996: AERION 5-11-0 J Osborne (8-11 fav) O Sherwood 17 ran

FORM FOCUS Big Perks 8¼l 7th to Bramblehill Duke in 2m Haydock NH flat race (good). Billingsgate 7½l 4th to Mr Markham in 2m NH flat race here (good to soft). Cherrymore 8¼l 4th to Zander in 2½m Ayr novice hurdle (good). Country Beau beat Golden Eagle 1l in 2m NH flat race here (good) with Bessie Browne (same terms) 17l 4th. News Flash 52l 7th to Splendid Thyne in course and distance novice hurdle (soft). Pedlar's Cross 13l 5th to Landler in 2m Doncaster NH flat race (good). Racketball 94l last of 14 to Gaitlax in 2m Ascot NH flat race (good). Skycab 15l 4th to Red Brook in 2m Towcester NH flat race (good to soft). Bessie Browne 17l 4th to Gaitlax in 2m Huntingdon NH flat race (good)

CHERRYMORE can put his hurdling experience to good use

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GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES)
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING SIS

1.00 ASTLEY NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,758: 2m 4f) (22 runners)

101 53F ARDENT SCOUT 14 Mrs S Smith 5-10-12 ... R Guest —
102 00-6 A VERSE TO ORDER 27 Miss P Wattle 6-10-12 R Johnson —
103 120- BRUSH ME UP 228P (S) P R Webber 5-10-12 ... J Osborne —
104 /F-U CLOBEEVER BOY 62 M Sheppard 7-10-12 ... D Leahy —
105 /0F- CONQUER THE KILT 236 J Mullins 6-10-12 ... J Culloty 65
106 F01- EASY FEELIN 191 (S) D Nicholson 5-10-12 ... A Maguire —
107 335/ EMPEROR BUCK 1369 (F) D Nicholson 9-10-12 P Cosgrave (7) —
108 04P/ ERMINE STREET 968 O Brennan 9-10-12 ... M Brennan —
109 0- FOLDING 289 Mrs A Barclay 6-10-12 ... C Llewellyn —
110 2- GOOD LORD MURPHY 258 P Hobbs 5-10-12 ... R Dunwoody —
111 40F- LITTLE NOTICE 235 (G) T Forster 6-10-12 ... B Fenton 94
112 00/ MAJESTIC SOUND 555 T Forster 6-10-12 ... A Thornton —
113 4 PARTY ANIMAL 18 K Bailey 5-10-12 ... N Williamson 103
114 35- RAFFLES ROOSTER 55F A Newcombe 5-10-12 ... P Carberry 93
115 4- SWEET LORD 268 M Bradstock 6-10-12 ... G Bradley 97
116 COTTAGE BAY W Bethell 5-10-7 ... D Gallagher —
117 DAFFODIL EXPRESS 179F M Ryan 4-10-7 ... J Ryan —
118 HEAD IN THE SAND L A Dace 4-10-7 ... S McNeill —
119 I'M MAGGY 368F S Brookshaw 7-10-7 ... S Wynne —
120 43-3 JUST JASMINE 28 K Bishop 5-10-7 ... R Greene 109
121 /50/ MEADOW DANCER 719 Miss S Wilton 6-10-7 ... D J Burchell —
122 P0P- MISS MYLETTE 251 D Wattle 6-10-7 ... W Marston —

7-2 Easy Feelin, 5-1 Good Lord Murphy, 7-1 Party Animal, 8-1 Sweet Lord, 10-1 Emperor Buck, Little Notice, Raffles Rooster, Just Jasmine, 14-1 others.

1.30 DUNLEY CHASE
(Limited handicap: £4,500: 2m 7f 110yd) (6)

201 F04- KAMIKAZE 188 (B,G,S) K Bailey 7-11-7 ... N Williamson 138
202 1P1- ORSWELL LAD 245 (S) P Hobbs 8-11-4 ... R Dunwoody 144
203 1/1- LARRY'S LORD 389 (F,G,S) P Nicholls 8-11-4 . T J Murphy 118
204 /12- DONJUAN COLLONGES 209 (S) T Forster 6-11-1 P Carberry 140
205 2/0- CALL HOME 354 (F,G,S) Miss S Edwards 9-10-7 ... P Hide —
206 U434 ANDRELOT 15 (B,C,F,G) P Bowen 10-10-7 ... R Johnson 137

9-4 Donjuan Collonges, 3-1 Larry's Lord, 7-2 Orswell Lad, 9-2 Kamikaze, 7-1 Andrelot, 20-1 Call Home

2.00 COLWALL HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,399: 2m) (7)

301 2PF- GAROLO 195F (B,D,S) C Brooks 7-11-13 ... G Bradley 118
302 62-0 PRIZEFIGHTER 7 (D,F) B Llewellyn 6-11-4 Mr J L Llewellyn 130
303 543- SOCIETY GUEST 166 (C,D,F,G,S) A Turnell 11-10-13 C Rae (7) 126
304 211- BOLD STATEMENT 172 (D,F,G,S) T Forster 5-10-9 N Williamson 139
305 121- ISLAND VISION 481 (D,F) J O'Shea 7-10-5 ... Martin Smith (7) 131
306 30-4 MISS ROBERTO 32 (D,G,S) J O'Shea 4-10-4 ... T J Murphy 122
307 234- WADADA 294F (CD,F,G) D Burchell 6-10-2 ... D J Burchell 129

9-4 Bold Statement, 4-1 Garolo, 11-2 Island Vision, 6-1 Wadada, 7-1 Society Guest, 8-1 Prizefighter, Miss Roberto.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Nicholson, 28 winners from 90 runners, 31.1%; P Nicholls, 15 from 58, 25.9%; C Mann, 7 from 31, 22.6%; K Bailey, 24 from 109, 22.0%; Miss V Williams, 4 from 19, 21.1%; P Hobbs, 26 from 126, 20.6%.

JOCKEYS: J Osborne, 31 winners from 110 rides, 28.2%; A Maguire, 32 from 184, 17.4%; G Bradley, 10 from 60, 16.7%; N Williamson, 23 from 141, 16.3%; R Johnson, 13 from 83, 15.7%; R Dunwoody, 34 from 223, 15.2%

2.30 EGDON NOVICES CHASE (£3,550: 3m) (10)

401 640- DANDY DES PLAUTS 226 Mrs S Smith 6-10-12 ... R Guest 96
402 0/6- HENRY CONE 226 (G) Miss V Williams 8-10-12 N Williamson —
403 0/1- LANCASTRIAN JET 214P (F) T Forster 6-10-12 A Thornton —
404 1P-P MOORLOUGH BAY 21 (G) H Howe 7-10-12 ... B Fenton —
405 111- NEARLY AN EYE 200P (G,S) P Nicholls 6-10-12 T J Murphy —
406 34P- NIGHT FANCY 217 Mrs A Woodrow 9-10-12 . J A McCarthy 90
407 053- THE OTHER MAN 244 Miss L Siddall 7-10-12 ... S Wynne —
408 /00- WANDERING LIGHT 270 (S) T Forster 6-10-12 . R Johnson 70
409 P0-2 MILLCROFT REGATTA 21 R Alner 5-10-10 ... A Maguire 107
410 353- COUNTRY STORE 173 (S) A P Jones 8-10-7 ... S McNeill 113

10-11 Nearly An Eye, 9-2 Lancastrian Jet, 8-1 Wandering Light, 10-1 others

3.00 LEVY BOARD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,861: 2m) (10)

501 /00/ ROSMARINO 834 W Jenks 7-12-0 ... T Jenks —
502 313 BERNARD SEVEN 21F (G) M Dods 5-11-7 ... A Maguire 99
503 520- ALPINE JOKER 207 P Hobbs 4-11-2 ... R Dunwoody 87
504 5P-6 HEART 23 Miss H Knight 4-10-11 ... J Culloty 69
505 5/0- BARRISTERS BOY 354 J Old 7-10-11 ... N Williamson —
506 0P-6 CARROLLS ROCK 32 (S) C Mann 6-10-9 ... J Magee (3) 75
507 050- MOLLIE SILVERS 187 J K Cresswell 5-10-2 ... D Verco 73
508 00P- TODD 265 A H Harvey 6-10-0 ... J A McCarthy 80
509 064- ROC AGE 168 G Davies 6-10-0 ... Martin Smith (7) 73
510 0P-6 OUT OF THE BLUE 20 M Eckley 5-10-0 Sophie Mitchell (5) 85

5-2 Alpine Joker, 7-2 Bernard Seven, 5-1 Barristers Boy, 6-1 Heart, 8-1 others

3.30 LENCHES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,655: 2m) (5)

601 511- TIDEBROOK 193 (D,G) K Bailey 7-12-0 ... N Williamson 100
602 33F/ HAWKFIELD 617 (D,S) P Hobbs 8-11-13 ... R Dunwoody —
603 3F-0 ZAITOON 25 (D,F,G) D Nicholson 6-11-13 ... A Maguire —
604 056- PEGMARINE 260 (D,G,S) Mrs A Woodrow 14-10-11 G Hogan (3) 97
605 004/ WHISPERING COURT 583 A Turnell 7-10-3 ... C Rae (7) —

6-4 Tidebrook, 9-4 Zaitoon, Hawkfield, 12-1 Whispering Court, 33-1 others.

4.00 WYCHBOLD N H FLAT RACE (£1,518: 2m) (22)

1 1- CONCHOBOR 188 (CD,S) K Bailey 5-11-11 ... W Walsh (7) —
2 11- VITAL ISSUE 256 (D,S) J J O'Neill 5-11-11 ... N Williamson —
3 24 AHRAYDOUBLEYOU 14 Mrs S Smith 4-11-4 ... R Guest —
4 D AUSSIE BOB 7 Mrs S Smith 5-11-4 ... Mr J Saville (7) —
5 BARTON GREEN S Brookshaw 6-11-4 ... S Wynne —
6 CAPTAIN OATES W Bethell 4-11-4 ... D Gallagher —
7 C D BOY G McCourt 4-11-4 ... D J Moffatt —
8 DIRTY DOZEN D Nicholson 5-11-4 ... R Massey (3) —
9 FLYING BOOTS P R Webber 4-11-4 ... J A McCarthy —
10 P31- GLACIAL KING 220P (G) K Bishop 5-11-4 ... G Supple (5) —
11 HOLBORN HILL C Mann 5-11-4 ... J Magee (3) —
12 JUNGLI P R Webber 4-11-4 ... Mr P Scott —
13 0- KAZ KALEM 294 P Hobbs 5-11-4 ... G Tormey —
14 LITTLE MILLER C Brooks 4-11-4 ... G Bradley —
15 SMARTY Mrs J Pitman 4-11-4 ... D Leahy —
16 SMOKEY ROBOT Miss S Edwards 4-11-4 ... D Burrows (5) —
17 TEMPERED STEEL D Gandolfo 6-11-4 ... S McNeill —
18 THE DANCING SCOT Miss S Edwards 5-11-4 W Greatrex (7) —
19 0 AMERTON HEATH 32 B Baugh 4-10-13 ... Gary Lyons —
20 LADY CASH D Gandolfo 4-10-13 ... A Maguire —
21 PETITE IBNR A Turnell 6-10-13 ... C Rae (7) —
22 30 REDHANDED B D Brace 5-10-13 ... R Johnson —

3-1 Vital Issue, 4-1 Conchobor, Dirty Dozen, 8-1 Ahraydoubleyou, 9-1 others.

☐ **Richard Dunwoody will ride Mr Mulligan in the Sean Graham Chase at Ayr on Saturday, the jockey's agent, Robert Parsons, announced yesterday. The Cheltenham Gold Cup winner has pleased Noel Chance, his trainer, on the gallops.**

☐ **Grimes, the promising Christy Roche-trained hurdler, will miss the Murphy's Draughtflow Handicap Hurdle at Cheltenham on Sunday.**

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Newbury

Going: good to firm (chase course): good (hurdles)

1.20 (2m 1f ch) 1, Green Green Desert (J Osborne, 1-3 fav); 2, Faustino (9-4). 2 ran. 25l. O Sherwood. Tote: £1.20

1.50 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Wise King (C Llewellyn, 7-2 jt-fav); 2, Moon Devil (8-1). 3, Harlequin Chorus (5-1). Single Sourcing 7-2 jt-fav. 9 ran. 2l, nk. J Old. Tote: £4.70; £2.20, £3.70, £1.20. DF: £30.70. Trio: £15.00. CSF: £30.01. Tricast: £130.21

2.20 (2m 4f ch) 1, Super Tactics (A Thornton, 7-4 jt-fav). 2, Strong Medicine (2-1). 3, Stately Home (7-4 jt-fav). 3 ran. 1¼l, hd. R Alner. Tote: £2.60. DF: £2.60. CSF: £4.66

2.50 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, House Captain (R Dunwoody, 7-2, Richard Evans's nap). 2, Go-Informal (6-1); 3, Balanak (3-1). Courbaril 5-2 fav. 5 ran. NR: Lough Tully. 2½l, 4l. J Fitzgerald. Tote: £4.10; £2.30, £2.30. DF: £14.60. CSF: £19.56

3.20 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Sanmartino (A Maguire, 2-9 fav; Thunderer's nap). 2, Whip Hand (7-1). 3, Ela Agapi Mou (33-1). 4 ran. 6l, hd. D Nicholson. Tote: £1.20. DF: £2.10. CSF: £2.14

3.50 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Supply And Demand (R Dunwoody, 11-10 fav). 2, Aquavita (33-1). 3, Running De Cerisy (6-5). 8 ran. 5l, 7l. G L Moore. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £3.10, £1.10. DF: £25.70. CSF: £32.10

Placepot: £30.90 Quadpot: £10.80

Ludlow

Going: good (good to firm in places)

1.10 (2m hdle) 1, Colwyn Prince (G Hogan, 5-2 fav); 2, Little Hooligan (7-2). 3, Galloping Guns (7-2). 7 ran. Hd, sh hd. A Jones. Tote: £4.60; £2.40, £1.80. DF: £6.20. CSF: £11.41. No bid

1.40 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Mr Bojangles (D Bridgwater, 7-1). 2, Tuckers Town (9-4 fav); 3, Sandy Floss (7-2). 8 ran. 4l, 18l. I Williams. Tote: £6.30; £2.30, £1.10, £1.70. DF: £14.10. CSF: £23.18.

2.10 (3m ch) 1, Persian View (Mr R Wakley, 13-8); 2, Bayerd (5-4 fav). 3, Ocean Leader (5-2). 3 ran. ½l, dist. K Bailey. Tote: £2.30. DF: £1.20. CSF: £3.78

2.40 (2m hdle) 1, Midas (G Supple, 7-2); 2, Diamond Hall (2-1), 3, Teluk (25-1). Blowing Rock 11-8 fav. 8 ran. 20l, 7l. M Pipe. Tote: £4.60; £1.20, £1.20, £3.20. DF: £8.40. CSF: £10.06.

3.10 (2m 4f ch) 1, Cheryl's Lad (R Johnson, 1-2 fav); 2, Rossell Island (5-2); 3, Gutteridge (15-2). 3 ran. 3½l, 18l. D Nicholson. Tote: £1.60. DF: £1.90. CSF: £1.93

3.40 (2m ch) 1, Grundon (J R Kavanagh, 10-1); 2, Trouvaille (5-2). 3, Freno (11-10 fav). 6 ran. 1¼l, 9l. Mrs L Taylor. Tote: £14.80; £3.30, £1.80. DF: £22.90. CSF: £33.71

4.10 (2m flat) 1, Presidentree (Mr O McPhail, 10-1). 2, Greatest Friend (3-1); 3, Flushing Spirit (16-1). Memphis Blues 9-4 fav. 10 ran. 8l, 2½l. A Carroll. Tote: £13.70; £3.70, £1.40, £3.80. DF: £14.60. Trio: £223.30. CSF: £37.30.

Placepot: £109.30 Quadpot: £29.40

Sedgefield

Going: good

1.00 (3m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Polo Pony (J Supple, 3-1 fav); 2, Community Service (14-1); 3, Tyndrum Gold (100-1). 9 ran. 5l, 7l. J Upson. Tote: £3.60; £1.60, £5.00, £7.30. DF: £47.10. Trio: £228.80. CSF: £37.81. Tricast: £3,043.56.

1.30 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Old Hush Wing (M Foster, 5-2). 2, Skiwise (11-10 fav); 3, Young Sally (6-1). 11 ran. 7l, 29l. P Haslam. Tote: £3.40; £1.30, £1.20, £1.90. DF: £2.50. Trio: £6.30. CSF: £5.94.

2.00 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Val De Rama (P Niven, 7-2); 2, Maple Bay (10-1). 3, Shultan (33-1). Symbol Of Success (f) 11-10 fav. 6 ran. 11l, dist. Denys Smith. Tote: £3.50; £1.80, £3.20. DF: £19.90. CSF: £29.80

2.30 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Country Orchid (G Lee, 11-2); 2, Legal Right (9-1); 3, Thrower (13-8 fav). 8 ran. ½l, 2½l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £5.80; £1.60, £2.70, £1.10. DF: £33.00. CSF: £50.71.

3.00 (3m 3f ch) 1, Slideofhill (P Carberry, 11-4 fav). 2, Tudor Fellow (7-1); 3, D'Arblay Street (4-1). 8 ran. 4l, 24l. J J O'Neill. Tote: £3.60; £1.30, £1.50, £2.10. DF: £30.80. CSF: £19.55. Tricast: £67.77

3.30 (2m 5f ch) 1, Chipped Out (P Carberry, 2-1 fav). 2, Rye Crossing (4-1); 3, Fryup Satellite (9-2). 11 ran. 9l, dist. M Todhunter. Tote: £3.90; £1.90, £2.00, £1.50. DF: £7.70. Trio: £10.70. CSF: £10.29.

4.00 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Topothenorthracing (B Grattan, 5-1); 2, Hobbs Choice (9-2); 3, Poppy's Dream (7-2). Spritzer (5th) 5-4 fav. 7 ran. Nk, 18l. P Beaumont. Tote: £8.00; £3.70, £2.20. DF: £18.10. CSF: £25.07

Jackpot: £7,100.00 (part won. Pool of £4,095.01 carried forward to Worcester today).

Placepot: £72.20 Quadpot: £16.30.

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GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS

1.10 DEVINE LINE DANCING NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,416: 2m 110yd) (18 runners)

1 1 SPANISH VERDICT 18 (F) D Smith 10-11-5 ... P Niven
2 5- CHINA CASTLE 39F P Haslam 4-10-12 ... M Foster
3 00 DIAMOND CROWN 9F M Ware 6-10-12 ... J Supple
4 ENERGY MAN 15F M Dods 4-10-12 ... R McGrath (5)
5 ESCOBAR 567F A Whillans 4-10-12 ... E Callaghan (3)
6 60- MOUNTAIN DREAM 289 R Allan 4-10-12 ... B Storey
7 4/0- MY BUSTER 292 Miss M Milligan 5-10-12 ... D Parker
8 MY GODSON 21F M Dods 7-10-12 ... N Smith
9 04P/ NOT GUILTY 583 H Johnson 5-10-12 ... S Taylor (5)
10 0-53 PERSUASIVE TALENT 13 D Lamb 6-10-12 ... J Burke
11 0 TRACEABILITY 18 (BF) M Hammond 4-10-12 ... R Garritty
12 WHAT THE HECK P Cheesbrough 5-10-12 ... A S Smith
13 -643 AMBER HOLLY 11 J Dixon 8-10-7 ... M Moloney
14 /P4- CELTIC COMMA 330 W Reed 6-10-7 ... T Reed
15 0P-3 DELIGHTFOOL 11 R Nixon 6-10-7 ... A Dobbin
16 4- MOST WANTED 21F W McKeown 4-10-7 ... C McCormack (7)
17 0- RAG DOLL 226 H Johnson 5-10-7 ... Mr C Bonner (5)
18 32 SHE'S A WINNER 11 P Monteith 4-10-7 ... I Jardine (7)

5-2 Traceability, 7-2 China Castle, 9-2 Spanish Verdict, 10-1 Amber Holly, She's A Winner, 14-1 Rag Doll, 16-1 My Buster, My Godson, 20-1 others.

1.40 ASHLEYBANK INVESTMENTS REG TWEEDIE NOVICES CHASE (£4,026: 3m 1f) (5)

1 2-11 PENTLANDS FLYER 18 (F,G) H Johnson 6-11-12 ... A Dobbin
2 U221 KINGS MINSTRAL 11 (CD,F,G) D Lamb 7-11-6 ... J Burke
3 P0-F MAMICA 32 M Dods 7-11-0 ... T Reed
4 /20- WOODFORD GALE 302 Miss L Russell 7-11-0 ... B Storey
5 4-48 AIDE MEMOIRE 11 (S) B Johnson 8-10-9 ... K Johnson

1-3 Pentlands Flyer, 5-1 Kings Minstral, 8-1 Aide Memoire, 20-1 Mamica, 25-1 Woodford Gale.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 38 winners from 122 runners, 32.0%; M Hammond, 25 from 100, 25.0%; J Fitzgerald, 4 from 20, 20.0%; H Johnson, 16 from 83, 19.3%; Mrs J Goodfellow, 9 from 50, 18.0%; R Allan, 12 from 77, 15.6%.

JOCKEYS: E Callaghan, 4 winners from 11 rides, 36.4%; P Niven, 49 from 140, 35.0%; R Garritty, 12 from 54, 22.2%; A Dobbin, 28 from 153, 18.3%; J Supple, 6 from 40, 15.0%.

2.10 GLENMUIR SPORTSWEAR HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,723: 2m 2f) (8)

1 -436 CONTRAFIRE 38 (F) A Whillans 5-11-10 ... E Callaghan (3)
2 223- FLYAWAY BLUES 15F (BF,G) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-8 . P Niven
3 351- COMMANDER GLEN 338 (CD,F) M Hammond 5-11-4 R Garritty
4 232P WELL APPOINTED 5 (C,F,G) B Mactaggart 8-11-3 . G Lee (3)
5 /F-P CANNY CHRONICLE 5 (B,G,S) P Monteith 9-11-0 . A Dobbin
6 6F-4 BRANCHER 25 (F,G) J Turner 6-11-0 ... D Parker
7 4446 ASTRALEON 11 (C,F,G) R Allan 9-10-12 ... S Melrose (7)
8 02-1 CHINA KING 160 (F,G) J FitzGerald 6-10-9 ... B Storey

5-2 China King, 7-2 Commander Glen, 4-1 Flyaway Blues, 7-1 Contrafire, Brancher, 8-1 Well Appointed, 10-1 Astraleon, 33-1 Canny Chronicle

2.40 TAVERN HANDICAP CHASE
(£5,158: 2m 6f 110yd) (6)

1 224- CEILIDH BOY 242 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs J Goodfellow 11-11-10 B Storey
2 1-22 WEAVER GEORGE 9 (BF,F,G,S) W Storey 7-11-7 . M Moloney
3 1P/1 CLASSIC CONTACT 32 (F,G) N Mason 11-10-7 E Callaghan (3)
4 345- ROAD BY THE RIVER 282 (G) P Cheesbrough 9-10-4 A S Smith
5 P/22 BOARDING SCHOOL 18 (B,F,G,S) C Parker 10-10-1 D Parker
6 24-F BALLYLINE 32 (G,S) W Kemp 6-10-0 ... A Dobbin

5-2 Classic Contact, 3-1 Boarding School, 7-2 Weaver George, 5-1 Ceilidh Boy, 8-1 Ballyline, 10-1 Road By The River

3.10 SCOTTISH SPORTS AID FOUNDATION HANDICAP CHASE (£3,323: 2m 1f) (4)

1 -123 WAYUPHILL 25 (BF,F,S) C Parker 10-12-0 ... B Storey
2 FP3- COQUI LANE 196 (S) J Dun 10-11-8 ... D Parker
3 12-3 BRIAR'S DELIGHT 11 (V,CD,F,G,S) R Allan 9-11-3 A Dobbin
4 P-0U GONE ASHORE 29 (F) M Barnes 6-10-0 ... A S Smith

11-10 Wayuphill, 9-4 Briar's Delight, 7-2 Coqui Lane, 10-1 Gone Ashore.

3.40 LANGHOLM DYEING COMPANY NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,346: 2m 6f 110yd) (11)

1 F3P- BLAZING TRAIL 251 (S) Miss L Russell 9-11-10 ... T Reed
2 00-1 ONYOUROWN 5 (F) H Johnson 4-11-5 (7ex) C McCormack (7)
3 2222 FOUR FROM HOME 18 J J O'Neill 5-11-1 ... P Niven
4 660- NUTTY SOLERA 228 (F,G) C Parker 7-11-0 ... B Storey
5 02-3 MENALDI 28 P Cheesbrough 7-10-10 ... A S Smith
6 5F0- CHARIOT MAN 173 M Hammond 5-10-4 ... D Bentley
7 0-25 FAME AND FANTASY 68 (F) A Whillans 6-10-2 ... A Dobbin
8 000- BONNY RIGG 209 L Lungo 5-10-0 ... W Dowling (7)
9 4P-2 MORE CHAMPAGNE 11 Mrs D Thomson 7-10-0 ... L O'Hara
10 0463 MOONLIGHT VENTURE 12 M Wane 5-10-0 ... S Taylor (5)
11 F/0- ROYAL RANK 279 D Alder 7-10-0 ... N Horrocks (7)

3-1 Onyourown, 9-2 Four From Home, 5-1 Menaldi, 8-1 Fame And Fantasy, More Champagne, 8-1 Moonlight Venture, 10-1 Nutty Solera, 16-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Kelso: 2.10 Canny Chronicle. Newbury: 1.50 Snow Board

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FOOTBALL

Ferdinand puts growing pains into perspective

By Oliver Holt, Football Correspondent

HE IS such a glorious prospect, such a vision of elegance as he glides out of the West Ham United defence, hinting at the kind of class in the sweeper role that Glenn Hoddle so desperately desires, that everyone is praying this particular teenager stays on the straight and narrow. So far, the omens have not been good, but no one who loves English football wants to blame it on Rio.

For one so precocious and self-assured on the pitch, so adept at seeing trouble coming and sidestepping it adroitly, Rio Ferdinand has been surprisingly clumsy in getting out of the way when it approaches off the field. There was a dreadful poignancy about his naivety in being arrested for drink-driving after consuming a few bottles of Hooch. His seduction by alcoholic lemonade seemed like a symbol of a young footballer struggling to cope with the pace of growing up.

He lost his driving licence and his place in the full England squad to face Moldova last September — his first senior call-up — because of that incident. A month later, he was brought back into the fold to play in the crucial Under-21 match against Italy in Rieti, but, after distinguishing himself on the pitch, he was disciplined for what was apparently an insignificant part in some high jinks that occurred later that night.

Once more, there were worried murmurings about whether all the success, the praise that was being heaped upon him, was going to his head. A case of much too much, much too young, perhaps, although those that knew him said that he was a sensible boy. Yesterday, as he prepared to make his England debut on Saturday against Cameroon, the first of what many predict will be a host of caps, Ferdinand, 19 last week, discussed his penitence.

Ferdinand: keeping calm under pressure

His words match his footballing deeds. He is an impressive young man, articulate and apparently possessed of a keen sense of perspective. When some sought to draw comparisons between his troubles and those that had afflicted Tony Adams, he pointed out that a few bottles of Hooch hardly made him a full-blown alcoholic. When others drew comparisons between him and Bobby Moore, he demurred.

"It is flattering to hear those kind of things said about you," Ferdinand said. "I have read in the papers about how I am the sweeper England needs, but I do not take it all in. If you dwell on things like that, it can lead to your downfall. So I read the papers and then I just chuck them on the back seat.

"If people want to say I am the next Sammer [the Germany sweeper] and that I will do this and that for my country, then that is fine, but I just want to concentrate on fulfilling my potential. I am working on every part of my game because I want to play for England at the very highest level."

He talked later, with particular feeling, of 12 games that he spent on loan to Bournemouth last season, where he washed his own kit and spent lonely nights in his hotel room. When he got back to Upton Park, he had learned to appreciate his good fortune.

"That was the best thing that ever happened to me," he said. "The problems that I had were all about maturity. I am just a young lad. I have just come into the game and I know I have got to mature quickly. You learn from your mistakes and hopefully there will not be any more of them. I do not see that there will be any more problems down the line or in the future.

"You cannot put me in the same thing as an alcoholic because I am not that kind of person and sometimes it bugs me the way people talk about it. I do not want to be reminded of it because it is a dirty stain on my career, but, hopefully, from now on I can let my football do the talking."

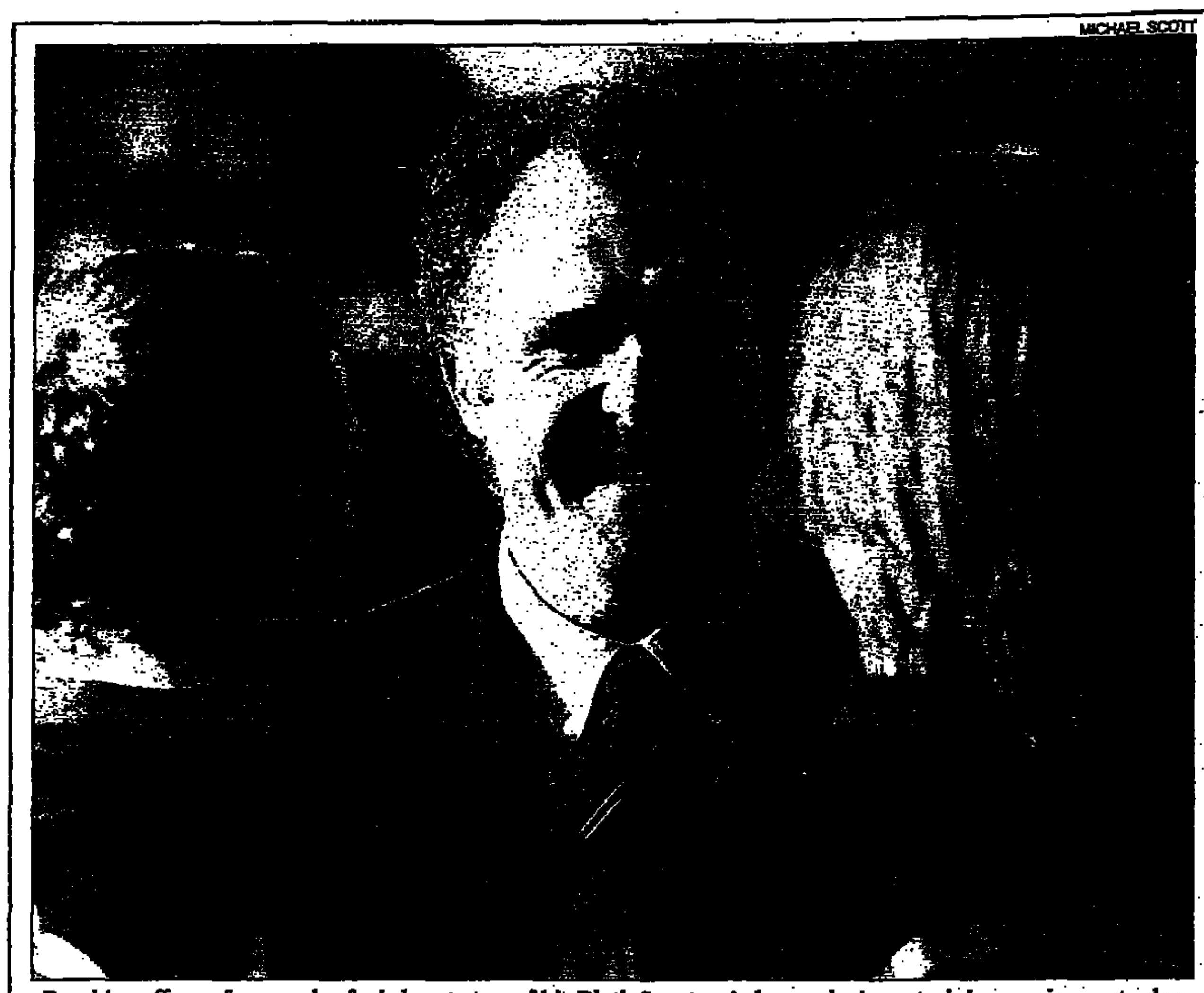
Francis rules out Loftus Road return

MANY Queens Park Rangers supporters will hope Gerry Francis was protesting too much when he angrily and unequivocally distanced himself from a return to Loftus Road yesterday (Matt Dickinson writes).

The Tottenham Hotspur manager remains popular and still has close ties at the club he served well as a player and coach. However, the dismissal of Stewart Houston by QPR at a time when he is considering whether to remain at White Hart Lane is nothing more than coincidence, according to Francis. "The association with Queens Park Rangers is complete rubbish," he said. "My only thoughts at this moment are for Tottenham Hotspur. It is a total fabrication."

Chris Wright, owner of QPR, was equally quick to try to end the speculation when he claimed that "things are never the same second time around", and if both men are to be taken at their word, David Pleat, sacked by Sheffield Wednesday last week, is expected to be the leading candidate with Charlton Athletic warding off any approach for the highly-rated Alan Curbishley. "I have a few names in my mind but that is all at this stage," Wright said.

Crystal Palace hope to complete the £1.75 million transfer of striker Michele Padovano from Juventus today, a move not without controversy. The 31-year-old forward and his representative could be reported to Fifa by Middlesbrough, who had also agreed a deal but pulled out when the agent allegedly demanded a payment of around £125,000. A spokesman said: "Middlesbrough were asked to pay a fee to the agent. We are angry and can see no reason why it should be paid. Fifa regulations specifically preclude it."



MICHAEL SCOTT

Burridge offers a few words of wisdom to two of his Blyth Spartans' players during a training session yesterday

Blyth spirit brings Burridge reminder of former glories

Alan Lee finds a familiar figure relishing a day trip to Blackpool

An FA Cup run by the non-leaguers of Blyth Spartans is one of the enduring institutions of football. So, too, is the goalkeeping career of that singular wandering minstrel, John Burridge. On Saturday, perhaps for the last time, the two come as a beguiling package.

For the 23rd time since the Second World War, Blyth have battled through the qualifying stages into the first round proper. Their reward could hardly be more appropriate, for they visit Blackpool, where Burridge made his home and his reputation almost 30 years ago. Now, three weeks short of his 46th birthday, he has delayed his retirement in order to meet this date with destiny.

These days, Blyth play in the Unibond League, at present ineffectually. They languish near the foot of the table and attract an average gate of fewer than 600. Yet their Croft Park ground, hemmed in by the terraced houses of this former mining and shipbuilding town, still reverberates with the club's colourful history, a fact recognised yesterday by a royal visit.

Prince Andrew put the Spartans on his itinerary during his north-eastern stopoff from the farewell tour of the Royal Yacht *Britannia*. The visit gave Mike Mitchell, local industrialist and progressive chairman, the chance to demonstrate his vision of the club as a focus for the community.

Mitchell, who greeted the prince with the information that their fathers had been together in the war — "my dad was Prince Phillip's batman" — exudes ambition. "The place may not look much now, but we are awaiting a grant from the Football Trust and then we will get the facilities modernised. I aim to take the club into the Football League in six years."

It is easy to see why Mitchell and Burridge get along. Neither is cowed by improbabilities. Twenty years ago, Mitchell, then a Newcastle United fan, was in a crowd of 42,000 at St James' Park when Blyth contested a fifth-round replay against Wrexham, the summit of one of the most stirring of all Cup runs. He has felt drawn to Spartans ever since, but joined the board only 18 months ago.

Burridge arrived at about the same time — an obscure addition to a CV that already included spells with Workington, Blackpool, Aston Villa, Crystal Palace, Queens Park Rangers, Wolverhampton Wanderers, Sheffield United, Newcastle United, Hibernian and Manchester City — and became player-manager a year ago.

"I'm good at it," he said. "Very good. Our poor position this year is partly my fault, but I've changed the system now and we're on the up. But the time comes when you cannot play and manage. Nobody can, the job's too big, and I would have stood down from the team before now but for this Cup draw."

An expression of wonder enters Burridge's lived-in face whenever Saturday's tie is mentioned. For him, and his remarkable career, it is an evocative pilgrimage, a final wish answered. It was at Blackpool that he made his name; it was also at Blackpool that he flirted with self-destruction.

"We were a poor family from a pit village near Workington," he said. "My dad was a miner and he wanted me to do the same, but mum persuaded him to let me play football for the Town. I didn't even know where Blackpool was.

"It was Bob Stokoe who took me there. He put me straight in the first team, captained by Jimmy Armfield, and then he put me right when I went off the rails for a few months. Drinking, women, fast cars, they were all involved. One night, I looked at myself in a nightclub mirror and came to my senses. For the rest of my professional career, 28 seasons, I didn't touch a drink."

Burridge, whose wife is from Blackpool, does not permit the sentiments of the journey to deflect his conviction. "It will be a wonderful day for me, with all my family there and so many memories — but I believe we will get something out of the game, too." Maybe a replay next to the North Sea at Blyth, with its scrubby terraces, its low-slung floodlights and its newly-unveiled royal plaque.

Injuries force Hoddle's hand

By Oliver Holt

ALMOST as if the fates had given Glenn Hoddle one chance, and one chance only, to prepare for an England match with a full complement of players, they abandoned the clean bill of health that they gave him for the showdown with Italy last month and presented him with a slew of problems in advance of the international on Saturday against Cameroon at Wembley.

By far the most serious of these was the news that Tony Adams, part of the spine of the team to which Hoddle often refers, saw a specialist yesterday about a recurrence of an ankle injury and will require an operation that will keep him on the sidelines for a minimum period of six weeks.

Added to the fact that Teddy Sheringham will return to Old Trafford for treatment on his damaged knee today and that there are also concerns about a heavy cold afflicting Paul Scholes and niggling injuries picked up by Gary Neville and Andy Cole, Hoddle may be forced to indulge in the kind of experimentation that he had hoped to avoid.

Adams's misfortune could prove to be Rio Ferdinand's opportunity. Even before the news of the injury to the Arsenal captain was announced, the West Ham United sweeper seemed set to figure in Hoddle's plans, but he now has a heightened chance of winning his first cap by playing from the start, even though the England coach insisted yesterday that it was too late to consider the introduction of the sweeper system for the World Cup finals next year.

Hoddle, though, did not rule out playing Ferdinand as one of a back three or four and he took as his theme the idea that he will go to France without a best 11 in his mind, but rather with a series of options that he could employ in different circumstances.

"If you go with a best 11 and two of them get injured or suspended, then you feel in a negative mood," Hoddle said, "and I do not want to transmit that feeling to the players. I have got more than 22 quality players in this country, anyway. They know it is going to be a hell of a scramble for places and I will have to break a few hearts."

□ Ray Houghton, the experienced Reading midfield player, missed the Ireland training session in Dublin yesterday as the team began its preparations for the second leg of the World Cup play-off against Belgium in Brussels on Saturday. Houghton, 35, has a heel injury.

Strang agrees move to Trent Bridge

By Richard Hobson

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE have confirmed that Paul Strang, the Zimbabwe leg-spinner, is to be their overseas player next season after failing to tempt Shane Warne to Trent Bridge. Strang agreed a two-year contract after meeting club officials, but will miss the start of the 1999 season because of the World Cup.

Last season he took 61 championship wickets and scored 588 runs for Kent, helping them to finish runners-up in three competitions. Although Kent opted to re-sign Carl Hooper for 1998, Strang said that he was keen to remain in county cricket.

Alan Ormrod, the Nottinghamshire team manager, said: "It is a vital to have the matter of the overseas player resolved early. He should be a tremendous asset." Ormrod is also confident that Jason Gallian, the former England opening batsman who is leaving Lancashire, will agree to join Nottinghamshire next week.

Surrey have held further talks with Chris Lewis in an attempt to keep the former England all-rounder at the Oval. Lewis has so far declined to sign a new contract with Surrey and is considering a return to Leicestershire.

Vic Dodds, the Surrey cricket committee chairman, said: "He is adamant he wants to captain a side but that is impossible here because we have Adam Hollioake." Leicestershire are prepared to make Lewis vice-captain in readiness to succeed James Whitaker.

CRICKET: COUNTIES BEGIN TUSSLE TO LURE DERBYSHIRE BATSMAN

Freed Adams ready to be courted

By Simon Wilde

CHRIS ADAMS won his lengthy and complex campaign to become a free agent yesterday after a hearing at Lord's at which it was decided, perhaps conveniently for some, that his club had misinterpreted the regulations.

Adams, who had rejected the offer of a new contract from Derbyshire, will now be courted vigorously by several counties, most of whom would have been unable to sign him had he remained a contested — or List One — registration.

Sussex have offered him the club captaincy and the larger salary (thought to be in excess of £80,000) and remain the favourites. Other interested parties include Kent, Nottinghamshire and Warwickshire. Sussex would have been able to sign Adams even if he had stayed on list one — unlike the other three counties — because they have not used up their allocation of two List One signings in five years.

If Adams does join them, the main significance for Sussex will be that they will be free to attract someone else as a contested registration. An eye-catching possibility is that Sussex will bid for Ben Hollioake, Surrey and England's exciting young all-rounder. David Gilbert, who left Surrey to become Sussex's director of cricket last month, said: "To some extent we are pinning our hopes on Chris coming but we must take the opportunity to sign a young, good-quality List One player and help turn this club around."

Adams: in demand

Adams and his agent put before the England and Wales Cricket Board's (ECB) registration committee the argument that his peculiar circumstances warranted special treatment. He had been trying to leave Derbyshire — a club fraught with internal wrangling — for three years. Derbyshire finally released him believing that, with a year of his contract to run, he remained on List One. "There was no malice aforethought," Reg Taylor, Derbyshire's representative, said.

Had he remained list one, the ECB would have almost certainly faced a legal challenge to its registrations regulations. As it is, the Professional Cricketers' Association (PCA) is to draw up proposals to overhaul them before that happens, and the game is plunged into a football-style transfer system.

Adrian Pierson, of Leicestershire, was also moved to List Two but Alex Morris, of Yorkshire, had his List One status upheld.

McGrath and Warne wreck New Zealand

By Our Sports Staff

GLENN McGRATH and Shane Warne destroyed the New Zealand second innings yesterday to secure a 186-run victory for Australia on the final day of the first Test in Brisbane. Set to score 319 runs for victory on a worn pitch, New Zealand were dismissed for 132 off 62 overs to put Australia one-up in the best-of-three series.

McGrath took four wickets for four runs in one 22-ball spell just before lunch to set up the victory and finished with five for 32, despite being restricted by a groin strain that makes him doubtful for the second Test. It was McGrath's ninth five-wicket haul in Tests, and he had match figures of 7-128 to take his career Test wicket tally to 162.

New Zealand were on 69 for five at lunch, then Adam Parore and Chris Cairns resisted for another 75 minutes before Warne stepped in. The last five wickets went for 20 runs and the leg spinner took three of them. Warne finished with 3-54 off 25 overs for match figures of 7-160.

It was a miserable day for New Zealand, who had kept abreast of their opponents for four days. There were five ducks in the second innings and only four batsmen reached double figures.

Bryan Young, the opener, was top scorer with 45 and Parore, the wicketkeeper, defied the Australia bowlers for over two hours with his unbeaten 39.

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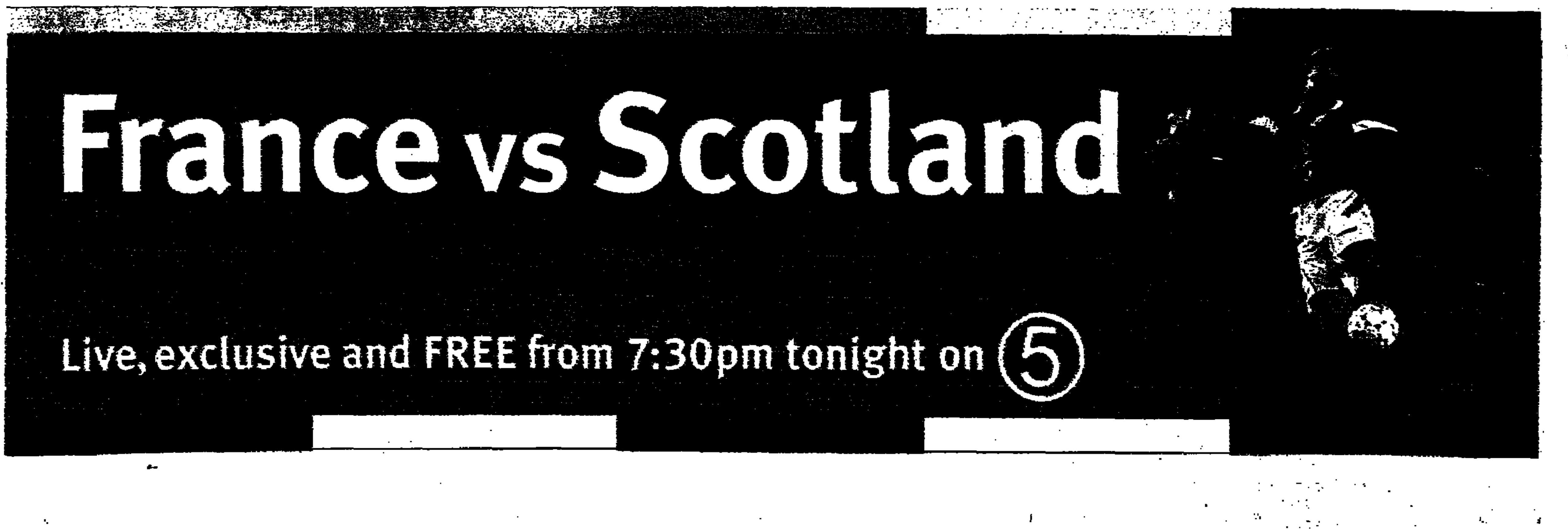

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RUGBY UNION

Uttley backs switch to young blood

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

ENGLAND'S bright new squad, glowing with enthusiasm, came together at Roehampton yesterday for the first time. Within four days they will be introduced to the harsh realities of international rugby when they play an Australia side that knows it has only two opportunities to rebut the withering criticism of the last few months.

"We know it's a pressurised environment but we need to find out, sooner rather than later, whether these young guys can perform," Roger Uttley, the England manager, said. As one who played in an England grand-slam side, in 1980, in a XV of which the component parts had been available for most of the 1970s, Uttley stands four-square behind Clive Woodward, the coach, in his selection of new blood.

"It's time the youngsters had the chance to show what they can do at the highest level," Uttley said. "After all, that's what happens in other countries. They're there to set a trend for the future. A lot of talented players have been frustrated over the years because they didn't get into the frame. Maybe now we can use the latent talent we feel is there."

Uttley was also a member of the management team that, directed by Geoff Cooke, restored the lustre to England's reputation in the early 1990s. "Working with Geoff was a delight, working with Clive is an interesting experience and one I'm enjoying hugely," Uttley said. "We feel we are on the threshold of something new and we think we can take England forward."

It is Woodward's contention that England's under-21 team should be the second most important, in terms of financial resources and coaching, after the senior team. Indeed Woodward's selection bears a passing resemblance to decisions taken by Bob Dwyer, then Australia's coach, in 1989 when he progressively plucked Phil Kearns, Tony Daly, Tim Horan and Jason Little, regardless of their age or experience, and turned them into World Cup winners two years later.

Of that quartet, only Horan is with the present Australia party, who deferred the announcement of their team until today. Stephen Larkham, the full back, has a bruised thigh and Rod Macqueen, the coach, wants to be sure of his fitness before the XV for Twickenham is finalised. Stirling Mortlock, the reserve full back, is one of the seven players who returned from Argentina to Sydney and, if Larkham is not fit, Joe Roff could be required to move from the wing.

Woodward acknowledged that his selection would not necessarily have been the same had England been playing New Zealand on Saturday. "This is a team specifically designed to beat Australia," he said. "It is a huge opportunity but, even if we don't win, we will have learnt a lot. This is a one-off game, it's not the five nations', it's not the World Cup. It's important that, at the end of these four games, we come out more knowledgeable than when we start.

"There are certain players I would have been happy to pick on Saturday who are not there — Matt Dawson [the Northampton scrum half] is one — but there are only 15 places. Phil de Glanville is on top of his form at the moment and I have been surprised at how well Richard Cockerill has been playing. But it's important that all the players in the squad realise the contribution they can make — there are some dynamic players on the bench, like Neil Back and Darren Grewcock, who can make an impact."

New Zealand have deferred until today a decision over the fitness of Sean Fitzpatrick, their captain, who has been struggling with a knee injury. He trained in Cardiff yesterday, before watching his colleagues play at Pontypridd against Wales A last night, and will hope to add to his 91 caps against Ireland in Dublin on Saturday.

KIPPA MATTHEWS

For Long, centre, the England training session yesterday was a chance to build up a relationship with his front-row colleagues

England take the Long route forward

David Hands looks at the new-look front row that faces Australia at Twickenham on Saturday

A good front row is like an old slipper — comfortable, accommodating. England's new front row is like a stiff leather boot that must be worn in, each component part adjusting his game in the interests of the unit as whole. They have, effectively, three days in which to do so before England's hectic international round begins against Australia at Twickenham on Saturday.

Yet you cannot fault the players' enthusiasm: Andy Long, only 20 and with all of six senior appearances for Bath under his belt this season, cannot wait for the prospect of playing against Sean Fitzpatrick, even though he must first overcome the challenge thrown down by Michael Foley, of Australia, before England can look ahead to New Zealand.

In less than a year, Long has leapt from something like fifth-choice hooker at Bath to first-choice for his country: indeed, it is not so many months ago that he retreated to his junior club, Bournemouth (where he was introduced to the game at the age of four), to seek first-XV rugby, standing, as he did at Bath, in a queue headed by Federico Mendez, Graham Dawe, Gary French and Neil McCarthy.

Nor did his prospects seem so bright when Bath signed Mark Regan from Bristol during the summer, Regan having played for the British Isles against South Africa. "But anyone at Bath has to work hard to hold a place," Long said. "Whatever the session, whether it's fitness or squad training, you have to give it your best. When Mark was signed, it made me more determined to stay and show what I could do." He has done that, in convincing manner, against a bevy of leading Welsh hookers — Phil John, Barry Williams and, last weekend, Jonathan Humphreys.

Now, however, he has to work on the relationship with Jason Leonard and Will Green, one with 55 England caps and two Lions tours behind him, the other with the briefest flirtation with England on tour in Argentina during the summer. "We need to make sure the technique is in place," Leonard said. "It's exciting for me to be alongside two young players of such talent and I will tell them what people told me when I was first capped — concentrate on doing your job." Part of the job for Long is throwing into the lineout, which is where Regan and Phil Greening, of Gloucester, have lost marks. For Green, 24, 5ft 11in and 17st 4lb, it is his work at scrummage and lineout, where he has learned from a past master, Jeff Probyn.

Green's emergence after only one full season in Wasps' front row has allowed England to move Leonard back to his favoured loose-head side, where he last played against South Africa in 1995. South Africa appear on England's menu on November 29, by which time Long may have received his wish to play against Fitzpatrick, assuming the New Zealander's knee holds up.

"I hope he is fit," Long said, with an enthusiasm that betrays the temporary insanity required to play in the front row. "I would really love a crack at him."

Rejected Sleightholme moves to Midlands

By Mark Souster

JON SLEIGHTHOLME, discarded by England and unwanted by Bath, yesterday joined Northampton. The former international wing had been placed on the transfer list at the Recreation Ground four weeks ago for £100,000 after the club could not guarantee him a first-team place.

The fee has not been disclosed but is believed to be £50,000. Sleightholme, 25, and capped 12 times by England, has signed a three-year contract at Franklins Gardens. "I am still ambitious and delighted to be signing for a club such as Northampton. I am anxious to get my England place back and doing well with Northampton will give me the chance," he said. Ian McGeechan, the club's director of rugby, said Sleightholme would provide a cutting edge on the wing.

Andy Nicol, Sleightholme's former Bath colleague, is expected to be named this morning as the new captain of Scotland for the international against Australia at Murrayfield on Saturday week. James Craig and Gordon Bulloch, of West of Scotland, are also in line to win their first caps. Rob Wainwright, the former captain, Tom Smith and Doddie Weir, who all toured successfully with the British Isles in South Africa this summer, are missing because of injury.

The South Africa prop, Toks van der Linde, will miss the rest of the tour of Europe after he was suspended for 60 days for stamping on an opponent during his country's 40-22 defeat by the French Barbarians in Biarritz yesterday. The ban automatically rules him out of the two internationals with France and also matches against England and Scotland.

☐ Bath and Cardiff officials are to mount an investigation into the incident last weekend when the French referee, Didier Mene, was threatened by angry supporters of the defeated Welsh club.

SQUASH

Parke and Marshall take defeat badly

ENGLAND'S defence of the men's world team championship was thoroughly questioned in Kuala Lumpur yesterday when Canada, who finished only sixth in Cairo two years ago, inflicted a 2-1 defeat that will at best mean England playing the much-fancied Australians sooner than expected, and at worst cast them into the battle for lower places (Colin McQuillan writes).

It was bad enough when Simon Parke, the England No 1, began banging his head against the court walls, in frustration or possibly self-recrimination, between the last few rallies of his 58-minute 9-1, 9-5, 10-8 dismissal by Jonathan Power. The obvious distress of Peter Marshall, though, and his bitter fury at losing 9-2, 9-7, 9-2 in 41 minutes to Graham Ryding may yet prove the hinge on which England's buoyant hopes are closed. Marshall, out of the game for two years with chronic fatigue syndrome, flung his racket petulantly into his corner and marched out of the auditorium in apparent mortification.

Stuart Courtney, the England team manager, said: "We will have to beat Australia sooner rather than later now, I suppose."

Scotland were well-beaten by Malaysia in Pool D, Wales lost comprehensively in Pool B to Australia, but Ireland managed a second win in Pool F over Brazil.

☐ Anthony Hill, the 28-year-old Australian who is infamous for a headbutting incident in the 1994 British Open, was fined £200 and banned for two months by the Professional Squash Association yesterday for testing positive for marijuana after a professional league match in France last May.

SNOOKER

Hendry faces test of strength on big stage

THE uncanny ability of Stephen Hendry to tap into optimum form when it is needed most will be severely tested at the Liverpool Victoria United Kingdom championship, which begins its 17-day run at Preston's Guildhall this afternoon (Phil Yates writes).

The Scot, who has set standards over the past decade that others have not matched, finds himself in a worrying slump. Unsuccessful in five of his past seven matches, he has tripped at the first hurdle in three events this season.

When Hendry relinquished his world championship in May, competitive fatigue was justifiably cited as a contributory factor. In recent weeks, the unpredictability of nine-frame matches and early-season rustiness have been used to rationalise unexpected defeats. However, failure at the United Kingdom championship, which, in Hendry's eyes, means anything less than overall victory, would not be explained so easily.

Yet the bookmakers, sound judges that they are, have made him a short-priced favourite, conscious, perhaps, of the fact that the best-of-17 frame format is much more to Hendry's liking. He has won 18 consecutive matches at the Guildhall, since losing to Ronnie O'Sullivan in the final in 1993, and has reserved some of his most devastating bursts on scoring for the event.

Were Hendry to win — he opens against either Michael Judge or John Read in the last 64 on Friday — he would be presented with his 29th world-ranking tournament trophy, one more than Steve Davis, with whom he is tied at the head of the all-time list. With two century breaks, he would become the first player to compile 400 in professional competition.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Ireland take another step ahead

■ **BOWLS:** With only one remaining round to play in the men's and women's triples and pairs in the European indoor team championship in Jersey before the singles and fours get underway, Ireland have surged further ahead of the field.

In the overall team standings, they have 26 points, with their nearest contender, defending champions England, who have 18. Wales have 16 and Guernsey and Jersey are on 14.

In round seven, the England triple of Mark Bantock, Mervyn King and Greg Harlow produced top form to beat Israel 33-4, but the pair of Brett Morley and David Holt were defeated 21-15 by Roy Battersby and Gary McCloy, of Ireland.

Bigger lead

■ **SAILING:** Swedish Match stretched its lead to almost 180 miles as Innovation Kvaerner moved into second place on the fourth day of the Whitbread Round the World Race's second stage.

Giant step

■ **AMERICAN FOOTBALL:** The San Francisco 49ers took a giant step toward securing home field advantage in the NFC play-offs last night — and damaged the Philadelphia Eagles' own post-season hopes with a 24-12 victory.

Fine start

■ **BOBSLEIGH:** Sean Olsson, the British champion, began the countdown to this season's Winter Olympics by finishing sixth in the opening four-man race of the World Cup Tour in Calgary.

Cheers again

■ **RUGBY UNION:** Melrose yesterday announced a three-year £250,000 deal to support their famous sevens tournament. After their long association with Bell's, their new sponsor is Glen Ord Malt.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Schofield handed Giants task

By Christopher Irvine

GARRY SCHOFIELD, the former Great Britain captain, has been appointed coach of Huddersfield Giants for their first season in the Super League after the surprise dismissal yesterday of Steve Ferres. Ferres, who has been with the club for 13 months, said he was "devastated" after he had guided the team to the divisional premiership title and second place in the first division.

Schofield, who joined Huddersfield as a player from Leeds in February 1996, will be assisted by Phil Veivers. Both have kept their registrations for next year. Les Coulter, the Huddersfield chief executive, said: "Although we have changed coaches four times in four years, we're looking for continuity. Garry and Phil's experience makes them best placed."

Andy Goodway, the Great Britain coach, is unlikely today to change the team that squared the British Gas series against Australia at Old Trafford, but he wants a reappraisal of attitude ahead of the deciding match at Elland Road on Sunday.

"I want to get out of the 'we've won one, that's a good thing' thinking, because that's no good to me," he said. "We've now got to take another step forward by winning the next one, which is the attitude Australia will adopt. They don't want to be seen as losers."

Goodway: not complacent

Unlike some people, Goodway would not interpret a 2-1 loss — the outcome of the previous four series against Australia since 1988 — as progress. Neither is he under any illusion about the improvements of which Australia are capable. Yesterday's training session in Leeds was spent knocking any "overconfidence" out of his players.

The gambling that Goodway talked of before the series is denied him by injuries and absences, so the same 17 will probably be on duty at Elland Road, which is set for a 40,000 sell-out. "Old Trafford has given us the confidence that we can compete on equal terms," he said.

Wigan have been given permission by Canterbury Bulldogs to approach John Timu, the former All Blacks rugby union centre.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): Philadelphia 12 San Francisco 24.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Toronto 98 San Antonio 100; Portland 86 Detroit 82.

BILLIARDS

MIDDLESBROUGH: Riley Northern Open: First round: A Kumar (India) bt S Naisby (Eng) 879-318; N Patel (India) bt M Spoormens (Bel) 530-401; C Everton (Wales) bt S Agrawal (India) 431-327; R Foldvari (Aus) bt P Sheehan (Eng) 676-278; D Causier (Eng) bt S Hardcastle (Eng) 861-402; M Wildman (Eng) bt B Dix (Eng) 492-302.

BOWLS

JERSEY: European indoor team championships (men's and women's teams play alternate rounds): Pairs: Men: Third round: Ireland (R Battersby and G McCloy) bt Israel (Y Lieberthal and G Kaminsky) 29-9; Wales (D Harding and J Greenslade) bt Jersey (L Nixon and T Mallet) 38-12; England (D Holt and B Morley) bt Guernsey (G Pinchou and P Ingrouille) 28-12. Women: Fourth round: Ireland (M Wilkinson and M Johnston) bt Israel (S Kantor and A Rubin) 25-12; England (M Jacklyn and N Shaw) bt Guernsey (K Renouf and A Simon) 21-14; Jersey (C Syvret and J Jones) bt Wales (A Sutherland and J Ackland) 24-13. Men: Fifth round: Ireland bt Guernsey 18-17; England bt Jersey 33-14; Wales bt Israel 23-14. Women: Sixth round: England bt Jersey 19-12; Guernsey bt Ireland 24-15; Wales bt Israel 25-13. Men: Seventh round: Ireland bt England 21-15; Wales bt Guernsey 31-11; Israel bt Jersey 21-9. Triples: Men: Men: Third round: Jersey (A Syvret, P Le Long and I Hodgetts) bt Wales (G Williams, M Kent and M Anstey) 15-14; England (M Bantock, M King and G Harlow) bt Guernsey (N Mollet, R Brehaut and B imon) 27-9; Ireland (I McClure, B Thompon and J Ross) bt Israel (M Stange, C lberstein and Y Bekler) 27-12. Women: ourth round: Ireland (I Bell, D Baird and P lan) bt Israel (N Fix, T Kamzel and R aman) 12-11; Guernsey (J Baglin, J colle and C Ingrouille) bt England (S kman, B Alderson and D Hankin) 16-13; sey (K Horman, S Syvret and J Lowrey) Wales (L Evans, W Morris and A Dainton) 5. Men: Fifth round: Ireland bt England ; Jersey bt Israel 13-11; Wales bt nsey 23-13. Women: Sixth round: nsey bt Wales 25-23; Ireland bt nd 23-14; Israel bt Jersey 18-17. Men: Seventh round: England bt Israel 33-4; Wales bt Ireland 23-17; Jersey bt Guernsey 25-15.

CRICKET

First Test match

Australia v New Zealand

BRISBANE (final day of five): Australia beat New Zealand by 186 runs

AUSTRALIA: First Innings 373 (M A Taylor 112, P R Reiffel 77; S B Doull 4-70, C L Cairns 4-90). Second Innings 294 for 6 dec (G S Blewett 91, R T Ponting 73 not out)

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings 349 (S P Fleming 91, C L Cairns 64; S K Warne 4-106)

Second Innings

B A Pocock c Taylor b Reiffel	3
B A Young lbw b McGrath	45
N J Astle c Blewett b McGrath	14
S P Fleming c Healy b McGrath	0
C D McMillan lbw b McGrath	0
C L Cairns b Reiffel	21
A C Parore not out	39
C Z Harris b Warne	0
D L Vettori c Taylor b Warne	0
S B Doull c Healy b McGrath	2
G I Allott lbw b Warne	0
Extras (lb 2, nb 6)	8
Total (62 overs)	132

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-55, 3-68, 4-88, 5-89, 6-112, 7-115, 8-117, 9-126.

BOWLING: McGrath 17-6-32-5; Kasprowicz 8-1-17-0; Reiffel 12-4-27-2; Warne 25-6-54-3.

Man of the match: M A Taylor

Umpires: S G Randell (Australia) and V K Ramaswamy (India).

RAWALPINDI: Tour match (first day of four): West Indians 265-6 (S L Campbell 76, P V Simmons 73) v Abdul Qadeer Khan XI.

FOOTBALL

Monday's late results

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Leicester City 0 Wimbledon 1.

Leading positions

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man Utd	14	8	4	2	31	10	28
Arsenal	14	7	6	1	30	15	27
Blackburn	14	7	6	1	26	13	27
Chelsea	13	8	1	4	29	16	25
Leeds	14	7	2	5	20	16	23
Liverpool	13	6	4	3	25	13	22
Leicester	14	6	4	4	19	14	22
Derby	13	6	2	5	25	19	20
Wimbledon	14	5	4	5	16	15	19
Newcastle	11	5	3	3	14	15	18
Coventry	14	3	8	3	12	18	17
Crystal Palace	13	4	4	5	13	15	16
Southampton	14	5	1	8	17	21	16
West Ham	13	5	1	7	17	21	16

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Emley 1 Gainsborough 0.

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Cup: First round, second leg: Gloucester City 2 Cinderford Town 0 (Gloucester City win 5-0 on agg).

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Luton 0 Ipswich 3. Postponed: Brighton v Wimbledon.

PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Preston 3 Liverpool 0.

MINERVA SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: O'Brien Butchers Premier division Cup: Ruislip Manor 2 Harpenden 0.

SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Postponed: Keynsham v Calne.

UEFA UNDER-18 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group six: Belgium 1 England 2 (at Ostend).

THE TIMES FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Bolton 1 Scarborough 2; Burton 3 Bedworth 1; Birmingham 1 Crewe 2; Stoke 3 Wolverhampton 0; Wycombe 2 Cardiff 1

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Benfica 1 Vitoria Guimaraes 0.

ARGENTINE LEAGUE: Lanus 1 Platense 3.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Premier League Trophy: Under-19: Lancashire 2, Greater Manchester 4. Full Film Trophy: Third round: Bishop Auckland 0, South Northumberland 1. Other match: Charterhouse 6 St Bede's 1.

OFFICIAL CORRECTION: Nationwide League: Second division: November 8: Brentford v Bristol City. Second goal for Bristol City scored by Shaun Goater not Tommy Doherty.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Buffalo 4 Edmonton 4 (OT); NY Islanders 1 New Jersey 3; Chicago 1 Calgary 1 (OT); Dallas 1 St Louis 7; Anaheim 4 San Jose 6.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: French Barbarians 40 South Africa XV 40 (at Biarritz).

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Bishop's Stortford 10 Stamford 26; RGS Lancaster 39 Kirkham GS 15; Tonbridge 20 Haileybury 26.

SAILING

WHITBREAD ROUND THE WORLD RACE: Second leg: Cape Town to Fremantle: Positions (at 18 00 GMT, with miles to Fremantle): 1, Swedish Match (Swe) 3,854.2; 2, Innovation Kvaerner (Nor) 4,143.6; 3, Toshiba (US) 4,197.9; 4, BrunelSunergy (Holl) 4,227.3; 5, Merit Cup (Monaco) 4,229.7; 6, Chessie Racing (US) 4,231.6; 7, Silk Cut (GB) 4,234.5; 8, EF Language (Swe) 4,258 1, 9, EF Education (Swe) 4,270 3

SQUASH

KUALA LUMPUR: ASCM-Sharp Men's world team championship: Second qualifying round: Pool A: Canada 2 England 1 (England names first: S Parke lost to J Power 1-9, 5-9, 8-10, P Marshall lost to G Ryding 2-9, 7-9, 2-9; C Walker bt G Waite 9-2, 9-1, 9-2); Pakistan 2 Germany 1. Pool B: Australia 3 Wales 0 (Wales names first: Evans lost to R Eyles 9-4, 4-9, 7-9, 5-9; G Davies lost to B Martin 1-9, 0-9, 2-9; M Benjamin lost to C Rowland 1-9, 4-9, 0-9); Egypt 2 Finland 1. Pool C: South Africa 2 France 1; New Zealand 2 Spain 1. Pool D: Malaysia 2 Scotland 1 (Scotland names first: M Heath lost to K Low 5-9, 4-9, 2-9, S Cowie bt Ong Beng Hee lost 9-5, 4-9, 9-1, 9-0; D Heath lost to Yap Kok Four 1-9, 0-9, 9-7, 0-9). Sweden 3 Argentina 0. Pool E: Holland 2 Switzerland 1, Denmark 3 Singapore 0. Pool F: Ireland 3 Brazil 0 (Ireland names first: D Ryan bt R Mon 9-0, 9-2, 9-2; N Collins bt T Cabral 7-9, 9-4, 9-1, 9-0; C Collins bt L Cout 9-4, 10-8, 3-9, 9-7); Austria 2 Hong Kong 1. Pool G: Italy 2 Nigeria 1; Mexico 3 Portugal 0. Pool H: United States 2 Kuwait 1; Norway 2 Japan 1.

SHEFFIELD: Cannons British Satellite Circuit: Finals: Men: M Berrett (Yorkshire) bt A Toes (Yorkshire) 9-0, 9-0, 9-4. Women: J Thacker (Yorkshire) bt K Hargreaves (Merseyside) 9-0, 9-1, 9-0

TENNIS

PHILADELPHIA: Advanta women's championship: First round (US unless stated) A Sugiyama (Japan) bt J Capriati (US) 6-1, 6-2; S Appelmans (Bel) bt R Dragomir (Rom) 6-4, 6-1; L Raymond (US) bt H Sukova (Cz) 6-3, 6-4.

TELFORD: Guardian Direct British national championships: Men: First round: P Cliff (Wiltshire) bt M Hilton (Cheshire) 4-6, 7-5, 6-4; D Sapsford (Surrey) bt J Fox (Lincoln) 7-5, 6-2; P Hand (Berkshire) bt R Matheson (West of Scotland) 6-3, 6-4. O Freelove (Kent) bt A Foster (Staffordshire) 3-6, 6-2, 7-5; T Spinks (Norfolk) bt M Lee (Sussex) 6-2, 7-6; L Milligan (Middx) bt J Layne (Cambridgeshire) 6-4, 6-4; C Wilkinson (Hampshire) bt P Maggs (Avon) 6-2, 6-2. Women: First round: S Smith (Essex) bt H Collin 6-2, 0-6, 6-3; H Crook (Essex) bt L Herbert (Hertfordshire) 6-1, 6-1, J Ward (Middx) bt L Cartwright (Warwickshire) 7-6, 6-0; L Woodroffe (Surrey) bt A Janes (Essex) 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; L Ahl (Devon) bt C Seal (Leicestershire) 7-5, 6-2; S-A Siddall (Dorset) bt C Lyte (Warwickshire) 6-2, 7-5; K Warne-Holland (Dorset) bt V Davies (S Wales) 6-3, 6-2; K Cross (Devon) bt H Farr (Surrey) 6-3, 7-5.

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Cinderella granted golden opportunity

DAVID POWELL

While Britain waits for its Academy of Sport, help to improve the nation's results at future Olympic Games has arrived from a most unlikely quarter. Disney World, set in the country that wins more Olympic medals than any other, is to sponsor a 12-year scheme worth £9 million to British sport.

Britain's collective success at the *Atlanta Olympics last year was more* Cinderella than Hercules. However, the British Olympic Association (BOA) announced yesterday that it has signed contracts with two United States backers — one of them Disney's Wide World of Sports — to provide its elite sportsmen and women with year-round access to a high-tech, low-cost training centre in Orlando, Florida.

Accidental though the timing is — the BOA would have launched the scheme some months ago but for contractual obstacles — the announcement comes at a critical moment in the bidding to run the British Academy of Sport. The BOA is one of three bidders.

"Our bid document said that we would bring ... things that nobody else could," Craig Reedie, the BOA chairman, said. "We believe that this is one aspect. We probably know as much about running multi-sports facilities as anybody. This helps prove that we are good at it."

Tony Banks, the Minister for Sport, said that the Orlando project would be "integrated" into the British Academy. "We will be making a *series of announcements* on Friday about the structure of the British Academy of Sport," Banks said. "We look forward to the British Academy working closely with the new facility in Orlando. The pieces of the jigsaw are now slotting neatly into place."

The BOA describes the arrangement as a "one-stop shop". For £50 a day, money which British competitors can pick up through the World Class Performance programme funded by the National Lottery, it offers everything competitors could wish for in 20 of the 35 Olympic sports: superb training facilities at the newly-opened Disney sports complex, medical support, food, accommodation, transport, and guaranteed warm weather.

"A fantastic facility, a fantastic opportunity for British sport," Kevin Hickey, the BOA's technical director, said. He added that, even for Olympic sports which are not specifically catered for, there would be a cross-training benefit. The British bobsleigh team has used it already.

The thought that America is helping Britain to beat America does not concern the BOA's backers from across the Atlantic. "I do not care where they are from — they came through our system," David Teske, of Orlando Regional Healthcare System (ORHS), the other sponsor, said.

While Britain can now take advantage of the $100 million Disney sports complex, this is not the United States, which won 44 gold medals in Atlanta to Britain's one, taking pity. "The UK market is very important for the Walt Disney Company and, from our perspective, it made a lot of sense to tie to a premier organisation in Britain," Mike Millay, director of events for Disney Sports Attractions, said.

One million British tourists a year visit Orlando and Disney wants more. "If you are an avid sportsman in the UK, it is another reason that makes Walt Disney World a logical destination," Millay added. "In exchange, we have certain marketing rights with the BOA in the UK."

Jon Ridgeon, one of Britain's most experienced athletes, was invited on a site visit. "I cannot emphasise enough that the facilities are the best money can buy," Ridgeon said. So attractive that the Atlanta Braves baseball team have signed a 20-year deal to use Disney as its spring training base and the Harlem Globetrotters have chosen the site for training and development.

To come is the Olympic velodrome, acquired from the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. "Our goal was to ensure that every athlete feels like they are on a surface that is conducive to their optimum performance," Reggie Williams, vice-president of Disney Sports Attractions, said.

Complete with nine-lane track, not the typically hard American track and with gentle bends, the Disney sports complex covers 200 acres. "It is as large as the Magic Kingdom," Williams noted. Aladdin has appeared with the lamp — this way to the treasure of Olympic gold.

TENNIS

Smith survives traditional opening scare

BY ALIX RAMSAY

THE local paper was doing its best, with the headline "Telford tennis spectacular — pictures", and the local schoolchildren were determined to prise autographs from anyone with a racket, famous or otherwise, but there was still the feeling that everyone had been invited to the wrong party yesterday as the Guardian Direct national championships got under way.

The grown-up spectators watched the tennis on offer with one ear cocked for news of Greg Rusedski in Hanover while the starstruck shuffled their feet impatiently facing a 24-hour wait before the arrival of Tim Henman. Something had to be done to raise the temperature.

On days like these, it usually falls to Sam Smith to create a stir. True to form, she made the most of her appointment with Hannah Collin, ten years her junior and 596 places below her in the rankings, winning unimpressively in three nervy sets, 6-2, 0-6, 6-3.

Much is expected of Collin. At junior level, she is head and shoulders above the domestic opposition and, if she continues on her present learning curve, she will be the best prospect in the senior ranks for many a year. Not bad for a 15-year-old whose worries are still split between her GCSEs and the quality of her volleys.

Smith was not at her best and once *Collin had got her nose in front in the* second set, the British No 1 looked distinctly unhappy. Collin may not be too experienced, but she knows how to play and she is not afraid to take a chance or two.

She had two break points for a 3-1 lead in the third set but the first evaporated with a big forehand from Smith and the second went begging with a tentative backhand into the net. Three games later it was Smith holding the break points and she was not about to let them slip away. She had survived her annual first-round scare.

Telford has never been a happy hunting ground for Smith. This time last year she got herself into all sorts of trouble by daring to suggest that, in the absence of Henman and Rusedski, the rest of British men's tennis was not exactly thriving. Twelve months later, the barricades were up. What were her ambitions for this week? "To win the bloody thing". Her analysis of her performance? "It was just a case of me putting a few more balls in court, the result was never in doubt". She was in no mood to give anything away.

In contrast, Martin Lee gave everything away against Tom Spinks. Seeded No 5, he took too long to get into his stride, by which time the first set was gone. He did better in the second but, when things got tight and tense, it was the former junior world No 1 who wilted under pressure as Spinks went through 6-2, 7-6.

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CLIVE BRUNSKILL / ALLSPORT

Greg Rusedski wipes the sweat from his face during his defeat by Patrick Rafter in the world championship yesterday. Report, page 52

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

kick-off 7.30 unless stated

International match
France v Scotland
(at St Etienne, 7.45) ....

DR MARTENS LEAGUE CUP: First round, second leg: Solihull v Paget R.

UNIBOND LEAGUE: First division: Bradford Pk Ave v Worksop. Cup: Second round replay: Whitby v Spennymoor

FA UMBRO TROPHY: Second qualifying round replay: Dartford v Cambridge City (at Purfleet FC, 7.45)

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Charlton v Norwich (2.0); Portsmouth v Watford (7.0); Swindon v Oxford Utd (7.15), Tottenham v Arsenal (at Leyton Orient).

PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Aston Villa v Blackburn (7.0), Birmingham v Sheffield Wednesday (at Hednesford Town FC, 7.15), Manchester United v Stoke (at Old Trafford, 7.0), Nottingham Forest v Tranmere (7.0). First division: Bolton v West Bromwich (at Leigh RMI, 7.0), Port Vale v Huddersfield (7.0); Wolverhampton v Oldham (at Telford United FC, 7.0). Second division: Barnsley v Lincoln (7.0), Rochdale v York (7.0), Shrewsbury v Sheffield United (7.0). Stockport v Blackpool (at Hyde United FC, 7.0). Third division: Bury v Scarborough; Chester v *Newcastle (7.0)*, Scunthorpe v Doncaster (7.0); Walsall v Hull (7.0).

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Corinthian v Greenwich; Sheppey v Crockenhill

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division. Eastbourne Town v Peacehaven and Telscombe. Saltdean v Littlehampton; Selsey v Burgess Hill.

SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Torrington v Tiverton.

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Prescot Cables v Burscough.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: *Premier division: Felixstowe Port and v* Sudbury; Soham v Histon; Stowmarket v Wroxham.

ARNOTT INSURANCE NORTH LEAGUE: First division: Consett v Bedlington Terriers; Northallerton v Billingham; Penrith v Guisborough.

NATIONWIDE GOLD CUP: Semi-final: Omagh v Coleraine (at Seaview).

LEAGUE OF WALES: Cup: First round, second leg: Carmarthen Town v Rhayader Town, Cemaes Ynys Mon v Rhyl. Welshpool v Flint Town.

THE TIMES FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Woking v Brighton; Erith and Belvedere v Tooting and Mitcham; Welling v Dulwich Hamlet; Chipstead v Chelsea.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: Bath v Tonga XV (7.15); Moseley v ACT (7.30).

CLUB MATCH. Oxford University v Major Stanley's XV (3.0).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Uni-ball Trophy: Crystal Palace v Thames Valley Tigers (8.0); *Manchester Giants v Leicester Riders (7.30)*; Newcastle Eagles v Derby Storm (7.30); Bullets Birmingham v Worthing Bears (7.0).

ICE HOCKEY: Express Cup: Bracknell Bees v Ayr Scottish Eagles (7.0)

SNOOKER: Liverpool Victoria UK championship (at Preston)

TENNIS: National championships (at Telford).

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page *47*

HOPI

(b) The name of a group of North American Indians living chiefly in north-eastern Arizona. Also a member of this tribe and their language. "Even today an elderly Hopi will jog the 20 miles to his cornfield, work all day, and jog home again."

MACCA

(a) A Jamaican name for the palm *Acrocomia sclerocarpa*, distinguished by its prickles; hence, used for the prickles of other *plants and animals*. "A thoroughly Jamaican word is *macca*, which now means any kind of prickle, thorn, bur, or sharp spine on plants or animals. It is used in many combinations too, like *macca breadfruit, macca yam, macca fern*."

MPRET

(c) The title given to William of Wied, elected ruler of Albania after the declaration of Albanian independence in 1913. An adaptation of the Albanian *mbret* from the Latin *imperator* an emperor. "When I first went to Greece, they still spelled Byron's name phonetically *Mpairon*. They pronounce *b* like our *v*, but *mp* like our *b* — a fact unknown to many of the people who talk about the Mpret of Albania."

NOCEUR

(a) A reveller, rake or libertine: one who stays up late at night. The French word. James Agate, *Buzz, Buzz!*, 1918: "In Ibsen the characters who bother themselves about the arts are invariably humbugs or hypocrites or noceurs."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Bh7! wins material as 1 ... Rxd3 (1 ... Bxb7 or 1 ... Nxb7 are met similarly) 2 Qh5+ Kg8 3 Qg5+ Kh7 4 Qxh4+ soon mates.

TELEVISION CHOICE

A dinner party challenge

Gary Rhodes
BBC2, 8.00pm

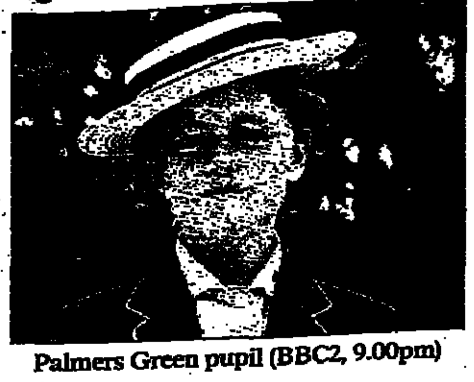
The spiky-haired chef has spent so much effort turning himself into a latter-day Bruce Forsyth that it is a surprise to find him still in the kitchen. Not only that, but this new series has arguably more cooking and less showbusiness than Rhodes's previous television shows. Yes, he does turn up for tonight's programme in a flashy sports car. And there is a gimmick, as two young couples (all medics) throw a dinner party to decide whether the men or the women are the better cooks. But most of the programme is Rhodes and recipes, accompanied by manic commentary delivered at 500 words a minute and his catchphrase, "Look at *that*!" For a man who can make steamed cod look appetising exotica such as creme chiboust are a doddle, and never mind the calories.

Modern Times: Testing Times
BBC2, 9.00pm

That Channel 4 screened a documentary on this subject a couple of years ago does not lessen the impact of another fine documentary from Lynne Alleway, whose previous contributions to this series include the ironically titled *Quality Time*. Disillusioned with what the State has to offer, ambitious parents are determined to get their children into what they perceive as superior private schools. But such establishments are hugely oversubscribed. The focus is on Palmers Green *High School for Girls in North London*. It takes children as young as three and, with many more applicants than there are places, can afford to pick and choose. Alleway follows four families and their daughters from the entrance test and interview up to the arrival of the fateful letter.

Witness: Blooming Youth
Channel 4, 9.00pm

If you are a parent, prepare to be shocked. Or *perhaps you have heard it all before. In Witold* Starecki's fly-on-the-wall documentary teenagers talk frankly about their sex lives. That the youngsters are all under 16 makes a special point. A 14-year-old is asked whether she has sex with her boyfriend. "Some of them," she replies. These kids are very knowing, completely uninhibited and quick to answer back if an adult dares to question what they are doing. The programme-makers claim that the film does not show the youngsters as being sex mad, just more sexually mature and less secretive than previous generations. *That is one* interpretation but it will not be universally shared. Perhaps indicative of the current climate is a mother urging her son (who admits to having had sex with a girl at school when he was 13) to stock up with condoms.



Palmers Green pupil (BBC2, 9.00pm)

Breaking Point
BBC2, 9.50pm

Once again you have to marvel at the willingness of ordinary people to allow the television camera to intrude on their private problems. Trevor and Tracey have been married for 14 years but the marriage has hit the rocks. Tracey is initially dubious about going to Relate, the marriage guidance organisation, and pouring out her troubles to a total stranger, never mind having the counselling sessions recorded and relayed to the nation. But she overcomes her doubts and the result is a documentary of startling frankness with *each spouse giving* as good as they get. Few troubled marriages can have been laid so publicly bare. The first of a series on the work of Relate, the film raises all the old doubts about the viewer being a prurient spectactor of other people's troubles. Having said that, once hooked, very few will want to switch off. **Peter Waymark**

RADIO CHOICE

Mysterious Ways
Radio 4, 7.20pm

This is not a programme about why Radio 4 is starting four new series on the same date, one by day and three by night, because that is a mystery beyond the understanding of any mere mortal. Christianity, by comparison, is a piece of cake. Libby Purves, my colleague at *The Times* and the presenter of *Midweek*, is the presenter of this six-part inquiry into the arrival and establishment of *Christianity in Britain. To judge by the first* programme, which is about religious architecture, this will be a lively series likely to fascinate people far beyond the confines of Christianity. Indeed, in asking how different our society might have been without Christianity, Purves takes the listener into most areas of life, from politics to art and science.

On Giants' Shoulders
Radio 4, 8.30pm

Another new series starting on Radio 4 tonight is a 12-parter, presented by Melvyn Bragg, about the people in history who have changed the world, in terms of how it is and how we see it. The title comes from Isaac Newton's remark that if he was more of a visionary than most people it was because he stood on the shoulders of giants, meaning, of course, his predecessors. But tonight's programme *is about Archimedes, who had no shoulders* to stand on because he was arguably the world's first scientist. Archimedes developed the theory of buoyancy and he discovered how to calculate volume, meaning that he could do things 2,200 years ago that I cannot do today. This is not a very cheering discovery. **Peter Barnard**

RADIO 1

6.30am Kevin Greening and Zoë Ball **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Jo Whiley. Includes **12.30pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Mark Radcliffe **4.00** Dave Pearce **6.15** Newsbeat **6.30** Evening Session with Steve Lamacq **8.30** Trade Update **8.40** John Peel **10.30** Mary Anne Hobbs **1.00am** Clive Warren **4.00** Chris Moyles

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** David Aaronovitch **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Nick Barraclough **8.00** Last of the Young Tradition. Jim Lloyd introduces all nine holders of the Young Tradition award **9.30** John Mortimer Presents Sensational British Trials. A new six-part series dramatising true crimes and trials **10.00** The Directors: Ridley Scott **10.30** Richard Allinson **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00am The Breakfast Programme **9.00** Nicky Campbell **12.00** Midday with Mair **2.00pm** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** Nationwide with Julian Worricker **7.00** News Extra **7.30** John Inverdale's Football Night. Includes commentary on the top game and news of all the goals **10.00** Littlejohn **11.00** News Extra **12.00** After Hours **2.00am** Up All Night **5.00** Morning Reports

VIRGIN RADIO

5.00am Jeremy Clark **7.00** Chris Evans **10.00 (FM)** Robin Banks **(AM)** Graham Dene **1.00pm (FM)** Nick Abbot **(MW)** Nicky Horne **4.00** Russ 'n' Jono **7.00 (FM)** Paul Coyte **(AM)** Calmin Jones **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Richard Porter

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross and Carol McGiffen **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Lorraine Kelly **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Anna Raeburn **9.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** Off the Shelf: The Colour of Blood **7.30** Meridian Live **8.00** News **8.10** Pause for Thought **8.15** Concert Hall **9.00** News; News in German (648 only) **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** The Farming World **9.30** Science File **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** Newsdesk **10.30** One Planet **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** Sports International **12.00** News **12.05pm** World Business Report **12.15** Britain Today **12.30** Soundbyte **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Megamix **3.00** News; News in German (648 only) **3.05** Sports Roundup **3.15** Performance **3.30** Everywoman **4.00** News **4.15** From Our *Own Correspondent* **4.30** *The World Today; News in German* (648 only) **4.45** Britain Today **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** World Business Report **5.45** Sports Roundup **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** The Works; News in German (648 only) **7.00** News **7.01** Outlook **7.25** Pause for Thought **7.30** Multitrack X-Press **8.00** Newshour **9.00** News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Britain Today **9.30** On Screen **10.00** Newsdesk **10.30** The World Today **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** Outlook **11.30** Multitrack X-Press **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30am** From Our Own Correspondent **12.45** Britain Today **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Omnibus **2.00** Newsday **2.30** Meridian Books **3.00** News **3.05** World Business Report **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** Journey to *the Centre of the Atom* **3.45** *History Today* **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Europe Today **5.00** Newsday **5.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Alan Mann **9.00** Henry Kelly. Michael Barry prepares mediterranean fish stew and Record of the Week features the best of the new releases **1.00pm** Listener Request Hour with Jane Jones **2.00** Concerto. Saint-Saëns (Cello Concerto No 1 in A minor) **3.00** Jamie Crick **7.00** Newsnight with John Brunning **7.30** Sonata. Mendelssohn (Piano Sonata in E) **8.00** Evening Concert. Handel arr Henry Wood (Organ Concerto No 9 in B flat); Bach arr Liszt (Organ Prelude and Fugue in B minor); Corelli (Concerto Grosso No 8 in G minor); Bach (Violin Concerto in E); Handel (Chandos Anthem; O Come Let Us Sing) **10.00** Michael Mappin **2.00am** Concerto (r) **3.00** Mark Griffiths

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Bax (Into the Twilight); Delius (Violin Sonata No 2); Wilbye (Draw On, Sweet Night); Gibbons (The Silver Swan); Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 5 in D); Wagner (Overture: The Flying Dutchman); Janacek (Sinfonietta)

9.00 Morning Collection, with Peter Hobday. Svendsen (Festival Polonaise); Chopin (Three Mazurkas); Schumann (Symphony No 3 in E flat, Rhenish)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Chris Wines. Honegger (La Tempête); Telemann (Suite in D, Gulliver); Spohr (Nonet in F); Berg (Seven Early Songs); Falconieri (Passacaglia in G minor; Sinfonia Quarta in C minor; Follias Echa Para mi Senora Dona Tarelila de Carellenos); Schubert (Piano Sonata in B flat)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Gyorgy Ligeti

1.00pm The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert. Live from the Wigmore Hall, London. Schubert Ensemble. John Woolrich (String Quartet No 2, Sestina); Franck (Piano Quintet in F minor)

2.00 Midweek Choice. Telephone 0171-765 4308 with your classical requests

4.00 Choral Evensong. Live from Hereford Cathedral

5.00 In Tune, with Sean Rafferty. Steuart Bedford talks about his grandmother, Lisa Lehmann, who composed nonsense songs and settings of *Alice in Wonderland*

7.30 Performance on 3. Live from the Festival Hall, London, a gala concert given in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales, in the presence of the Queen. Maxim Vengerov, violin, Yuri Bashmet, viola, Lynne Dawson, soprano, Jean Rigby, mezzo, John Mark Ainsley, tenor, Gerald Finley, baritone, Royal Academy of Music Chorus and Sinfonia under Colin Davis. Mozart (Kyrie in D minor; Sinfonia concertante in E flat) **8.10** The Unclouded Concerto. Sean Street introduces a choice of poems inspired by the music and life of Mozart, including short works by Thomas Hardy, Robert Graves and Wallace Stevens **8.30** Mozart, compl Sussmayr (Requiem in D minor)

9.40 Postscript: Friends Who Disagree, with Stephen Batchelor, director of studies at the Sharpham College for Buddhist Studies and Contemporary Enquiry, and Shaunaka Rishi Das, European communications director of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness. Keith Ward, Regius Professor of Divinity at Oxford, is in the chair (3/5)

10.00 Ensemble. A recital by the young Finnish violinist Pekka Kuusisto, winner of the 1995 International Sibelius Competition, with Raija Kerppö, piano. Prokofiev (Five Melodies); Sibelius (Romance; Rondino; Mazurka); Ravel (Violin Sonata)

10.45 Night Waves. Patrick Wright talks to the Israeli writer David Grossman about his latest novel, *The Zig Zag Kid*

11.30 Composer of the Week: Vaughan Williams (r)

12.30am Jazz Notes. The first of two sets by the Annie Whitehead Band recorded at Kingston upon Hull's 1997 International Jazz Festival

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

RADIO 4

5.55am (LW) Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Midweek, with the *Times* columnist Libby Purves and her guest Letitia Dean

10.00 (FM) News; Power and How to Get It. A beginner's guide to climbing the ladder presented by Jeremy Hardy (1/4)

10.00 (LW) Daily Service

10.15 (LW) On This Day, with Geoffrey Wheeler

10.30 Woman's Hour. Introduced by Jenni Murray

11.30 Gardeners' Question Time. Nigel Colborn, Bob Flowerdew and Geoffrey Smith answer questions posed by members of the Royal British Legion and gardeners in Yorkshire (r)

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Margaret Collins

12.25pm Dinner Ladies A comedy drama series written and directed by Turan Ali (4/6) **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Mysteries of the London Underground: The Metropolitan Line Murder, by Michael Butt, based on a true story by Baroness Orczy. With Suzanne Burden and Bernard Hepton

2.45 News; Treasure Islands, with Michael Rosen

3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Gambaccini reviews *GI Jane*, the new film directed by Ridley Scott and starring Demi Moore

4.45 Short Story: Inner Balance, by Kate Atkinson, read by Siobhan Redmond

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Wildbrain. The third regional heat of the wildlife quiz, from the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, Slimbridge (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Mysterious Ways, with the *Times* columnist Libby Purves. See Choice

8.05 A Night with — Anthony Holden. The first of a series in which six people reflect on the significant part the night has played in their lives

8.30 Giants' Shoulders, with the *Times* columnist Melvyn Bragg. See Choice

9.00 Reinventing the Wheel The comedian Ben Silburn concludes his investigation into the history of technology (4/4)

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hilton

10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Clothes They Stood Up In. Written and read by Alan Bennett, abridged by Gillian Hush (3/7)

11.00 The Shuttleworths The last of the comedy series written and performed by Graham Fellows (6/6)

11.15 Grievous Bodily Radio. The final part of Jon Holmes and Andy Hurst's six-part comedy series, with Peter Serafinowicz, Emma Clarke and Mike Chequer

11.30 (LW) *Today in Parliament*

11.30 (FM) My Life as a Car The conclusion of the comedy series by Mark Wallington (6/6) (r)

12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: Funny Boy. Gary Pillai reads Shyam Selvadurai's story (6/10)

12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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The return of a woman with strong views

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

Alison John's life reads like a history of the BBC documentary — *Man Alive*, a double dose of *40 Minutes* and last night, **Timewatch** (BBC2). The only time I'd seen her previously, however, was when her wedding occasioned *an appearance* on a Sue Lawley chat show.

So this was my first proper encounter with her, and what a confusing meeting it proved. Thirty-four years ago when she was born, John would have been called a spastic, a term that some excruciating archive clips reminded was intended to be both affectionate and memorable. Now, with the Spastic Society rechristened as Scope, she is described as having cerebral palsy, which affects both her gait and her speech.

But it is the way these manifestations of her condition affected us, the fortunate able-bodied, that caused the confusion and, in doing so, provided Annie Paul, the producer, with perhaps the best excuse for making her fourth film about her subject. John, you see, is a woman of strong views. Conditioned as we are to sympathise (and at times, no doubt, to patronise) those less fortunate, it came as rather a shock when she finished one of her speeches and I'd find myself thinking: "Nonsense."

John's views on the treatment of disabled people could be described as "radical integration". No segregated schools, no special transport, no ghettoes of any sort. She didn't want to be taught to walk, talk and eat like "normal" people, she just wanted to be accepted as she was. "This is me, like it or lump it." It was the sort of speech that would have a Hollywood audience cheering in aisles too narrow for a wheelchair. It had me wondering why John hadn't set herself a *slightly* easier target — such as solving world poverty.

Those more accustomed to dealing with the disabled were more forthright. As John revisited the educational establishments that she was so convinced had let her down, a former English teacher accused her of having a chip on her shoulder. Another pointed out that in the real world her ideas would simply produce another group of marginalised children who, for one reason or another, would not be able to attend a normal day school.

The same man, now the headmaster of her old school, was already sending 17 severely disabled pupils to the neighbouring comprehensive. John, while still wanting to close his school down *immediately*, grudgingly agreed that this might be progress.

On a night when the message was always more important than the medium, it was difficult to assess Paul's contribution. The archive material had been skilfully assembled for maximum impact, but having begun with a reminder of the wedding, we were left in doubt as to whether John was still married until almost the end. She was — happily and with two children to boot — so why the mystery?

But the bigger mystery was whether this articulate, funny but very angry woman was really the product of a failed system? Or one of its greatest successes? Told you I was confused.

But nothing like as confused as Kevin, whose unfortunate lot it has been to supply the running moral subplot of **Soldier. Soldier** (ITV), a series better known for its bangs and beer than its exploration of the human condition. Until now, that is. Until Kevin.

Kevin is 16 years old and gay, which is difficult enough when you are still at school and hoping to be an army cadet. But when your father is CSM Fitzpatrick (Conor Mullen), an Ulsterman who makes the Rev Ian Paisley sound reasonable, it's a disaster.

Hoping for a little reassurance Kevin went to see Angela Macleod, the recruiting officer, who told him: "The rules may be changing but I don't think attitudes will — you know what it's like for soldiers who don't fit in." Pretty much what it's like for schoolboys who don't fit in, thought Kevin. We left him sensibly looking for a different career, while his father was getting drunk and accidentally knocking over his wife.

Whatever you make of the plots, the amalgam of acting, casting and direction that has become *Soldier, Soldier's* naturalistic house style continues to impress. Much more convincing than it was in the days of Robson Green and Jerome Flynn. But frustratingly not quite as popular.

Channel 4 launched a new double act: **Deals on Wheels**, a series which sets out to show how people buy and sell second-hand cars, surprisingly started first time. The only mistake was that Mike Brewer and Richard Sutton, a cleverly contrasting couple of likeable rogue and fashionable thinker, never stopped long enough to tell us what they knew about second-hand cars. If they said an old Nissan Bluebird was worth £1,300, we just had to accept it. And then smile when somebody paid £1,700 for it.

But for all that their patter is fun and modestly informative, it is the deals that will make or break this series. If the first three are anything to go by they shouldn't have much to worry about. For as far as I can see, somebody — either the buyer, the seller or our experts — always loses in these video-recorded transactions, and that makes for addictive television.

For the clapped-out Nissan it was obviously the buyer; for the well-maintained Metro it was the vendor, a policewoman whose inability to keep quiet for more than two seconds cost her £125, and for the E-type it was the experts who had to watch as the car happily changed hands for £2,000 more than they thought. Mind you, we were talking West London prices.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (53015)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (41183)
9.00 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (5744454)
9.25 Style Challenge (5763589)
9.50 Kilroy (T) (1328201)
10.30 Change That (5553913)
10.55 The Really Useful Show (T) (7041893)
11.35 Real Rooms *Revamping the entrance hall of an infants school in Bath* (8261134)
12.00 News (T) and weather (6431725)
12.05pm Call My Bluff (5519003)
12.35 Give Us A Clue (2450522)
1.00 News (T) and weather (44270)
1.30 Regional News (84571034)
1.40 The Weather Show (59039299)
1.45 Neighbours (r) (T) (44584367)
2.05 Quincy (r) (2144812)
2.55 Terry and June (r) (7161305)
3.30 Playdays (r) (8302657) **3.50** *ChuckleVision (r) (8382893)* **4.10** Get Your Own Back (T) (2262265) **4.35** Out of Tune (T) (1928657) **5.00** Newsround (5652980) **5.10** Blue Peter (T) (9503980)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (803639)
6.00 News (T) and weather (947)
6.30 Regional News Magazine (299)
7.00 Face Value "Lunchtime liposuction", which promises thin thighs in just a few hours, and body dismorphic disorder, a mental condition which convinces sufferers that they are ugly (T) (8164)
7.30 Tomorrow's World Philippa Forrester reports from Australia on scientific *research into the techniques employed* by opera singers, while Jez Nelson discovers the horseshoe crab's vital role in modern medicine and the race to save the species (T) (183)
8.00 **EastEnders** *Phil and Grant try their* hands at international relations; Ian and his party have a lucky escape (T) (7812)
8.30 The National Lottery Live (T) (491367)
8.45 Points of View (T) (414218)
9.00 News (T) and weather (5299)
9.29 National Lottery Update (942102)
9.30 Absolutely Fabulous: Sex Edina decides her bedroom isn't big enough (r) *(T) (24831)*
10.00 The X Files Mulder hears news of his missing sister when a dream leads him to a shallow grave of a young girl (T) (204812)
10.45 Tom Jones (r) (T) (67196812) **WALES:** First Resort. New series (773541) **11.15** Tom Jones (113947) **12.50am** FILM: Death Dreams (662936) **2.25** News (8413990) **2.30** Join BBC News 24 (39435)
12.20am Death Dreams (1991) with Christopher Reeve, Marg Helgenberger, Fionnula Flanagan and Taylor Fry. A youngster drowns in mysterious circumstances, but returns from the grave with shocking information about who was responsible for her untimely death. Directed by Martin Donovan (T) (617226) FILM
1.55 Weather (9556145)
2.00 Join BBC News 24 (47400)

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BBC2

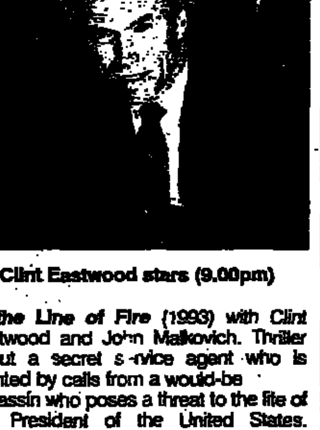
6.00am Technology: Only Four Colours 6.30 Computers in Conversation (5780812)
7.00 See Hear Breakfast News (T) (5385201)
7.15 Teletubbies (r) (4115164) **7.40** Smurfs' Adventures (r) (2499305) **8.05** It'll Never Work (r) (T) (2079102) **8.30** Penny Crayon (r) (4778657) **8.40** Tales of Aesop (r) (9879638) **8.45** The Record (9765183)
9.10 What? Where? When? Why? (7791201) **9.25** English Express (2359638) **9.45** Words and Pictures (4652812) **10.00** Teletubbies (36763) **10.30** Numbertime (4765611) **10.45** Cats' Eyes (9715116) **11.00** Around Scotland (1781560) **11.20** The Geography Programme (3555522) **11.40** Revista (5262819) **11.55** Quinze Minutes Plus (1967299) **12.10pm** Science in Action (8927015)
12.30 Working Lunch (19909)
1.00 Noddy (88369562) **1.10** The Art and Antiques Hour (6502096) **2.10** Going, Going, Gone (62672947) **2.40** News (T) (3514096) **2.45** Westminster (T) (4808454) **3.55** News (8339096)
4.00 Ready, Steady, Cook (812) **4.30** Through the Keyhole (r) (1927928) **4.55** Esther (9076015) **5.25** Today's the Day (9539305) **5.50** Lifeline (761763)
6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (r) (T) (911562)
6.45 Sliders (r) (T) (479947)
7.30 Black Britain An exclusive interview with *Arsenal and England striker Ian Wright.* Do black women who became drug smugglers to escape Third World poverty deserve their long sentences? Plus, a 12-year-old who looks set for a future in *Formula One grand prix racing (T) (725)*
8.00 Gary Rhodes Gary presides over a battle of the sexes involving four hospital doctors to determine whether men or women are the *best cooks (T) (5454)*
8.30 Home Front Tips on Swedish-style renovations and how to solve storage problems (T) (4589)
9.00 Modern Times: Testing Times The dilemmas faced by parents concerning their children's education (T) (976831)

Trevor and Tracey (9.50pm)

9.50 Breaking Point New series about marriage guidance counselling following Trevor and Tracey who want to put the sparkle back in their relationship (T) (417299)
10.30 Newsnight (T) (370589) **11.15** Prison Weekly (T) (778096) **11.45** Building Sights, USA *(r) (971657)* **11.55** Weather (135928) **12.00** The Midnight Hour (26771)
12.30am BBC Learning Zone: The Making of Ann Summers 12.45 World Painters **2.00** Religious Education **4.00** Italianissimo 1-4 **5.00** RCN Nursing Update (96042)

HTV

6.00am GMTV (4216744)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (5749909)
9.55 Regional News (T) (6266638)
10.00 The Time, the Place (30589)
10.30 This Morning (48535183)
12.20pm Regional News (6437909)
12.30 News (T) and weather (2486947)
12.55 Shortland Street (2461638) **1.25** Home and Away (T) (89393021) **1.50** The Rockford Files (5803164) **2.50** Vanessa (8802299)
3.20 News (T) (8114657)
3.25 Regional News *(T) (8113928)*
3.30 Tots TV (3038676) **3.40** The Parkies (1327928) **3.50** The New Adventures of Winnie the Pooh (8591305) **4.20** Neil's Art Attack Scrapbook (8587657) **4.45** *Sabrina the Teenage Witch (1919909)*
5.10 WALES: Yan Can Cook (9065831)
5.10 No Naked Flames (9065831)
5.40 News (T) and weather (275015)
6.00 Home and Away (676152)
6.25 Regional Weather (995893)
6.30 Regional News (T) (367)
7.00 Emmerdale Andy feels guilty about seeing Jack with Rachel (T) (6560)
7.30 Coronation Street Andy McDonald quits Coronation Street. Deirdre has a surprise in store for Jon (T) (251)
8.00 Police, Camera, Action! Don't Look Back In Anger (T) (6283)



Clint Eastwood stars (9.00pm)

9.00 ***In the Line of Fire*** (1993) with Clint Eastwood and John Malkovich. Thriller about a secret service agent who is taunted by calls from a would-be assassin who poses a threat to the life of the President of the United States. Directed by Wolfgang Petersen (T) **Continues after the News** (7909) FILM
10.00 News; Lottery Result; weather (T) (70522)
10.30 ***Regional News*** *(T) (745909)*
10.40 In the Line of Fire Conclusion of tonight's film (T) (6627541)
12.05am Movie Show Special: The Specialist (1187868)
12.35 Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (7155394)
1.05 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (6847348)
1.30 Three for the Road (1987) with Charlie Sheen, Kerri Green and Alan Ruck. A young political aide attempts to further his career by escorting a senator's spoiled daughter to a boarding school. Directed by B. W. L. Norton (650232) FILM
3.05 Jones and Jury (r) (97349874)
3.25 Motor Racing (r) (T) (4271042)
4.20 Sound Bites (40719418)
4.35 The Time, the Place (r) (93777684)
5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (34329)
5.30 News (21226)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
12.54pm Air Watch (19206541)
12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (2461638)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9065831)
5.59-6.00 Air Watch (733980)
6.25-7.00 Central News (949096)
12.00 Film: In Country (1989). A drama starring Bruce Willis (32089665)
2.10am In Focus (7255941)
2.55 The Mysterious West (2695416)
3.20 The Good Sex Guide Late (4272771)
4.15 Central Jobfinder '97 (5516077)
5.20 Asian Eye (9334752)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.20pm-12.30 Illuminations (6437909)
12.55 Home and Away (7465299)
1.20-1.50 Emmerdale (79565299)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9065831)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (14454)
12.05am The Making of a Life Less Ordinary (1187868)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away (9065831)
6.00 Meridian Tonight (265)
6.30-7.00 Put It to the Test *(367)*
12.05am Beyond Reason (1187868)
5.00 Freescreen (34329)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except:
12.19pm Anglia Air Watch (6449744)
12.55-1.25 What's My Line? (2461638)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9065831)
6.23 Anglia Weather (996522)
6.25-7.00 Anglia News (949096)
10.29 Anglia Air Watch (144893)
12.05am Short Story Cinema (1187868)

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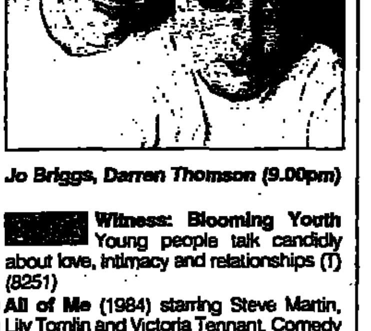
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (34893)
9.00 Ysgolion (760980)
11.30 Powerhouse (2102)
12.00 Sesame Street (54873)
12.30pm Ricki Lake (37305)
1.00 Slot Meithrin (72064170)
1.15 Tic Toc (77014675)
1.30 Token Gesture (84564744)
1.40 Film: Private's Progress (15306183)
3.30 Collector's Lot (473)
4.00 Fifteen-to-One (980)
4.30 Dan Pearson: Routes Around the World (164)
5.00 5 Pump (8006473)
5.15 Ffeil (5664725)
5.30 Countdown (744)
6.00 Newyddion (482744)
6.10 Heno (216134)
7.00 Pobol y Cwm (130299)
7.25 Ffermio (693725)
8.00 Slopa (9562)
8.30 Newyddion (9657)
9.00 Equinox (8251)
10.00 Brookside (679102)
10.35 Babylon 5 (823096)
11.30 Fresh Pop (976102)
11.40 Under the Moon (89850367)
4.30am Chinese Football (83139)
5.00-5.30 Screaming Reels (52771)

CHANNEL 4

5.55am Sesame Street (46725)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (34893)
9.00 Schools: Making Sense of Science *(97299)* ***9.30*** *Good Health (T) (4659725)* **9.45** Book Box (T) (4647980) **10.00** Stage Two Science (T) (2515675) **10.15** Rat-a-Tat-Tat (5965396) **10.30** Geographical Eye (T) (2576725) **10.50** Stop, Look, Listen (T) (8728589) **11.00** First Edition IV (3579102) **11.15** The Mix (T) (3569725)
11.30 Powerhouse Political magazine (2102) **12.00** Sesame Street (54873) **12.30pm** *Light Lunch. With Harry Enfield (23831)* **1.30** Gardens without Borders (r) (84555096) **1.45** Success Animation from Hungary (59014980)
1.50 Lost (1955) starring David Farrar and David Knight. Drama about a policeman in a desperate search for the kidnapped baby of an American diplomat. Directed by Guy Green (T) (82208744) FILM
3.30 Collector's Lot Featuring a couple who *collect sweetheart brooches and a tribute* to Scottish designer Charles Rennie Mackintosh (T) (473) **4.00** Fifteen-to-One (T) (980) **4.30** Countdown (T) (1912096) **4.55** Ricki Lake (T) (9752251) **5.30** Pet Rescue An undernourished Siamese cat gives cause for concern (T) (744)
6.00 The Cosby Show The family gather as Denise returns home from college. Last in series (r) (T) (657)
6.30 ***Roseanne: Boo*** *The family members, combative as ever, compete to see who can create the most frightening outfit for* Hallowe'en (r) (T) (909)
7.00 Channel 4 News (T). Includes headlines *at 7.30 (624560)*
7.50 Golden Oldies Another golden wedding celebration (839218)
8.00 Another Ark A look at the work of Hai Bar, a movement begun in the early 1960s to re-establish Israel's flora and fauna (9562)
8.30 Brookside When Max and Susannah decide to lay down some groundrules, Jacqui lays down a few of her own. Tim returns to the Close unexpectedly (T) (9657)



Jo Briggs, Darren Thomson (9.00pm)

9.00 Witness: Blooming Youth Young people talk candidly about love, intimacy and relationships (T) *(8251)*
10.00 All of Me (1984) starring Steve Martin, Lily Tomlin and Victoria Tennant. Comedy about a lawyer who accidentally receives the soul of a wealthy eccentric. Directed by Carl Reiner (T) (947831) FILM
11.40 Under the Moon Through-the-night sports magazine (89850367)
4.30am Chinese Football *(r)* (83139)
5.00 Screaming Reels *(r)* (T) (52771)
5.30 Scottish Writers Ian Crichton Smith (r) (T) (7933351)

CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE
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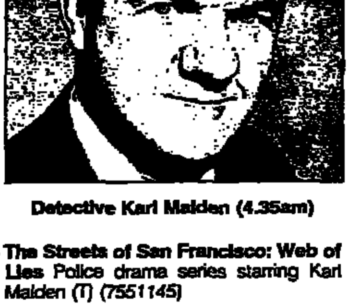
6.00am 5 News Early (2781725)
7.30 Milkshake (4444367) **7.35** Stickin' Around (r) (6845218) **8.00** Havakazoo (r) (8895003)
8.30 WideWorld Documentary series about human migration. How Turkish migrants adapt to German culture (4/10) (9245544)
9.00 Espresso Consumer affairs magazine presented by Pattie Coldwell and Tony Kerner (2726270) **10.00** Exclusive (r) (6823522) **10.30** Vanessa's Day With (r) (T) (5845788)
11.00 Leeza Chat show hosted by Leeza Gibbons (7488676) **11.50** Double Espresso (94662676) **12.00** The Bold and the Beautiful. Jack is distraught after reading Taylor's letter (T) (5645580) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (T) (8675909)
1.00 5 News Update (63743855) **1.05** Sunset Beach. Meg turns down Gregory's job offer while Annie is determined to find out what Ben's hypnotherapy session will reveal (T) (3457183) **2.00** 5's Company. Live entertainment show (8425251)
3.30 The Summer My Father Grew Up (1991) starring John Ritter, Joe Spano and Karen Young. Drama about a father's dilemma when his son says he would rather spend holidays with his mother and new *stepfather* than with him. Michael Tuchner directs (2785541) FILM
5.30 Whittle Audience participation game show hosted by Tim Vine (T) (3812831)
6.00 100 Per Cent Game show without a host (3819744)
6.30 Family Affairs Jack decides to move back in with Elsa (T) (3800096)
7.00 5 News (T) (5491270)
7.30 ***International Football — Live*** *The* World Cup warm-up friendly between France and Scotland (54368928)
9.45 Morons From Outer Space (1985) starring Mel Smith, Griff Rhys Jones and Jimmy Nail. A comedy space adventure about four aliens who crash-land on the M1 and become chat show personalities and pop stars. Directed by Michael Hodges (9191473) FILM
11.25 Prisoner: Cell Block H (3112299)
12.25am Live and Dangerous Introduced by Jenny Gould. Includes American college football and basketball (37905541)



Detective Karl Malden (4.35am)

4.35 The Streets of San Francisco: Web of Lies Police drama series starring Karl *Malden (T) (7551145)*
5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (2714435)

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SKY 1

6.00am Morning Glory (184831) 9.00 Regis and Kathie Lee (16096) 10.00 Another World (75164) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (95928) 12.00 Oprah Winfrey (78676) 1.00pm Geraldo (54096) 2.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (51096) 3.00 Jenny Jones (70560) 4.00 *Oprah Winfrey (86367)* 5.00 Star Trek: Voyager (8947) 6.00 Dream Team (1909) 6.30 Married...with Children (5589) 7.00 The Simpsons (9676) 7.30 The Simpsons (4473) 8.00 The Simpsons (5096) 8.30 The Simpsons (7831) 9.00 Married with Children (89183) 10.00 Ibiza Uncovered (92270) 11.00 Star Trek: Voyager (76893) 12.00 Late Show with David Letterman (78787) 1.00am In the Heat of the Night (58042) 2.00 Long Play (5408597)

SKY MOVIES SCREEN 1

6.00am **Colour Me Perfect** (1996) (34473) 7.30 **Hasty Heart** (1983) (761744) 10.00 **Francis of Assisi** (1961) (26014102) 11.45 **Kideo** (1984) (57780386) 1.30pm **Operation Dumbo Drop** (1995) (36522) 3.30 **Colour Me Perfect** (1996) (149725) 5.05 **Little Bigfoot II: The Journey Home** (1996) (88224909) 7.00 **Operation Dumbo Drop** (1995) (41855) 9.00 **Richard III** (1995) (22742) 11.00 **Forbidden Beauty** (1995) (758034) 12.35am **Horseman on the Roof** (1995) (295690) 2.35 **Barcelona** (1994) (242058) 4.20 **Kideo** (1984) (198955)

SKY MOVIES SCREEN 2

6.00am **Thunder Birds** (1942) (3083184) *7.20* ***Jem: The Movie*** *(1986) (80687676)* 8.35 **The Seventh Victim** (1943) (7908298) 10.10 **Second Honeymoon** (1937) (6259473) 11.30 **Mademoiselle Fifi** (1944) (1291928) 12.40pm **Free Willy II** (1995) (82132893) 2.20 **A Brother's Promise: The Dan Jansen Story** (1996) (194015) 4.00 **Jem: The Movie** (1986) (1693) 6.00 **Apollo 11** (1996) (24015) 8.05 **Broken Arrow** (1996) (65406034) 10.00 **Money Train** (1995) (301980) 11.50 **Tracks of a Killer** (1995) (796812) 1.30am **Mute Witness** (1995) (114400) 3.10 **Indictment** (1995) (23189313)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm **The Lady Eve** (1941) (1245657) 6.00 **The Devil's Brigade** (1968) *(45275638)* ***8.15 The Blue Lagoon*** **(1980)** (82009657) 10.00 **Stone Cold** (1991) (6832725) 11.35 **Crimes of Passion** (1984) (8541522) 1.25am **10 Rillington Place** (1971) (5102954) 3.15 **The Day the Earth Stood Still** (1951) (2119771)

TNT

9.00pm ***Passage to Marseille*** **(1944)** (89678812) 11.00 **Dark of the Sun** (1968) (84591560) 1.00am **Invasion Quartet** (1961) (54192226) 2.45 **The Journey** *(1959) (21150905)* 5.00 Close

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (45947) 7.30 Beachcomber Soccer Sevens (80576) 8.30 Sports Centre (32909) 9.00 Racing News (56589) *9.30 Aerobics (52251)* 10.00 Footballers' Football Show (20638) 11.00 Esprit (20589) 11.30 Tartan Extra (21218) 12.00 Aerobics (36725) 12.30pm International Climbathon (59893) 1.30 Footballers' Football Show (50522) 2.30 Tartan Extra (8270) 3.00 *Wrestling* (11725) 5.00 Beachcomber Soccer Sevens (9831) 6.00 Sports Centre (6299) 6.30 Futbol Mundial (8021) 7.00 Esprit (3760) 7.30 FA Cup Special — Year of the Giant Killers (91522) 9.30 Futbol Mundial (76831) 10.00 Sports Centre (37454) 10.30 Esprit (46102) 11.00 Pool (21367) 12.00 Sports Centre (49587) 12.30am Sport USA (51690) 2.00 Futbol Mundial (34481) 2.30 Sports Centre (28416) 3.00 Close

SKY SPORTS 2

7.00am Aerobics (2313693) 7.30 Sports Centre (9363378) 8.00 Racing News (8110367) 8.30 Fish TV (9411589) 9.30 Sports Unlimited (8112386) 10.30 Ice Hockey: Manchester Storm v Sheffield *Steelers (8299763) 1.00pm Golf Extra* (1651251) 4.30 Windsurfing (9895725) 5.00 V-Max (2699763) 5.30 Super Dragsters (9919305) 6.00 Rebel Sports (7087742) 7.00 Sports Centre (2876299) 7.30 Golf Extra (7580812) 11.00 Offshore Powerboats *(7570218)* 11.30 FA Cup Special — Year of the Giant Killers (8020831) 1.30am Sports Centre (3798446) 2.00 Rebel Sports (2089752) 3.00 Close

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00pm Beachcomber Soccer Sevens (82920541) 1.00 Fish TV (82946589) 2.00 Superbouts (57308725) 3.00 Survival of the Fittest (30801034) 3.30 Rugby Union (95260454) 5.30 Pool (35026560) 6.30 Offshore Powerboats (55160638) 7.00 Fish TV (89599763) 8.00 Sport USA (34783909) 9.30 Windsurfing (62921270) 10.00 Sportraits (86500386) 10.30 Golden Age of Motor Racing (42341270) 11.30 Close

EUROSPORT

7.30am Eurogoals (55980) 9.00 Motorsport (87473) 10.30 Bobsleigh (55305) 12.00 Freeride Magazine (21893) 12.30pm ATP Tour Review (81763) 1.00 ATP World Championships (7984947) 4.30 Motors Magazine (31676) 5.30 ATP World Championship — Live (594909) 8.00 Football: France v Scotland — Live (46015) 10.00 World Cup Legends (25522) 11.00 Golf: Estoril Grand Final (49763) 12.00 Olympic Games Magazine (99665) 12.30am Close

UK GOLD

7.00am Worzel Gummidge (8040201) 7.35 Neighbours (8492034) 8.00 Crossroads (3267522) 8.25 EastEnders (1661299) 9.00 The Bill (8104386) 9.30 Howards' Way (9134744) 10.00 Bless This House (6459102) 10.30 The Sullivans (8193270) 11.00 Boon (4303676) 12.00 Crossroads (14975102) 12.25pm Neighbours (14985589) 12.55 EastEnders (1237299) 1.30 Hi-De-Hi (3501034) 2.10 Yes Minister (7057386) 2.50 Are You Being Served? (2713909) 3.30 The *Bill (7017522) 4.00* Casualty (78070367) 5.05 EastEnders (6896096) 5.40 Bob's Full House (7434218) 6.25 That's Showbusiness (6451522) 7.00 It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (4708015) 7.45 Don't Wait Up (3717134) 8.20 Yes Minister (1990386) *8.00 The Bill (1804251)* 9.30 Alive and Kicking (7819744) 11.25 The Black Adder (1354367) 12.05am Live at Jongleurs (1614400) 12.35 Chancer (4846836) 1.30 Miami Vice (3903416) 2.20 Shopping (67151787)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am The Box (5780199) 7.00 Coronation St (8452725) 7.30 Families (8484560) 8.00 Surprise Surprise (8479102) 9.00 Upstairs, Downstairs (3160367) 10.00 The *Professionals (8460744) 11.00 Hart to Hart* (8440980) 12.00 Coronation St (8563706) 12.30pm Families (2998305) 1.00 Blind Date (2987560) 2.00 Upstairs, Downstairs (3553560) 3.00 Donahue (9726096) 4.00 The Professionals (9738831) 5.00 *Hawaii Five-O (1843589) 6.00 Families (2770831)* 6.30 Coronation St (2761183) 7.00 Blind date (7332980) 8.00 Hart to Hart (7358928) 9.00 Coronation St (9734015) 9.30 The Comedians (2979541) 10.00 Hawaii Five-O (7331251) 11.00 Close

Ian McKellen in *Richard III* (Sky Movies Screen 1, 9.00pm)

CARLTON SELECT (cable)

5.00pm Gridlock (30888183) 5.30 Hey Dad II (55187305) 6.00 Blockbusters (55184218) 6.30 A Country Practice (55168270) 7.00 My Two Wives (30809947) 7.30 Switch On (55164454) 8.00 Rude Health (30884367) 8.30 Stuck on You (30895102) 9.00 FILM: **Indiscreet** (1988) (89583102) 11.00 St Elsewhere (84538560) 12.00 Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (15017416) 12.30am Tales of the Unexpected (34778077) 1.00 Close

DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Dumbo's Circus (85164) 6.30 Under the Umbrella Tree (74893) 7.00 Aladdin: The Series (37541) 7.30 Quack *Pack (58676) 8.00 Dinosaurs (82928) 8.30* Bonkers (81299) 9.00 Gummi Bears (85251) 9.30 Groundling Marsh (1912928) 9.55 Microscopic Milton (8439638) 10.00 Sesame Street (45560) 11.00 Winnie the Pooh (5893034) 11.15 Rosie and Jim *(8762744) 11.35 Sing Me a Story with Belle* (1943725) 12.00 Tots TV (6368183) 12.20pm Disney Animated Shorts (8807657) 12.25 The Big Garage (8387218) 12.45 Winnie the Pooh (74913763) 1.00 Sesame Street (37152) 2.00 Madisons Adventures — Growing Up Wild (6386) 2.30 Gummi Bears *(4034)* 3.00 Tale Spin (5893) 3.30 Goof Troop (6251) 4.00 Timon and Pumbaa (5386) 4.30 Aladdin: The Series (4270) 5.00 Gargoyles (7638) 5.30 Dinosaurs (5522) 6.00 Blossom (5763) 6.30 Boy Meets World (6015) 7.00 Home Improvement (5742) *7.30 The Wonder Years (2299)* 8.00 FILM: **Amy** (1981) (89763) 9.30 Dave's World (92893) 10.00 Close

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Dolly 6.30 Billy the Cat 7.00 Pinocchio 7.30 Power Rangers Zeo 8.00 Beetleborgs 8.30 Masked Rider 9.00 Magic Box 9.30 Dudley the Dragon 10.00 Inspector Gadget 10.30 Samurai Pizza Cats 11.00 Sweet Valley High 12.00 Ace Ventura 12.30pm Casper 1.00 The Tick 1.30 Iron Men 2.00 Fantastic Four 2.30 Power Rangers Zeo 3.00 Beetleborgs 3.30 Masked Rider 4.00 Ace Ventura 4.30 Casper 5.00 The Tick 5.30 X Men 6.00 Spiderman 6.30 Sweet Valley High 7.00 Close

TCC

6.00am Happily Ever After 6.30 Bobby's World 7.00 Spirou 7.30 Dennis the Menace 8.00 Batman 8.30 Bots Master 9.00 Art Attack 9.30 Earthworm Jim 10.00 Gravedale High 10.30 Flash Gordon 11.00 Iznogoud 11.30 Gigantor 12.00 Gravedale High 12.30pm Bots Master 1.00 Batman 1.30 Eek 2.00 Spirou 2.30 Flash Gordon 3.00 Sonic 3.30 Earthworm Jim 4.00 Dennis the Menace 4.30 Art Attack 5.00 Close

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NICKELODEON

6.00am Killer Tomatoes 6.30 Aaahh! Real Monsters 7.00 Hey Arnold! 7.30 Rugrats 8.00 Doug 8.30 Neverending Story 9.00 CBBC 10.00 Wimzie's House 10.30 Babar 11.00 The Magic School Bus 11.30 Bananas in Pyjamas 12.00 The Wombles etc 12.30pm Astro Farm etc 1.00 Dr Seuss 1.30 Little Bear Stories 2.00 Animal Show 2.30 CBBC 3.30 Rocko/Doug 4.00 Angry Beavers 4.30 Rugrats 5.00 Sister Sister 5.30 Kenan and Kel 6.00 Sabrina the Teenage Witch 6.30 Moesha 7.00 Close

TROUBLE

12.00pm Swan's Crossing 12.30 Ready or Not 1.00 Madison 1.30 California Dreams 2.00 Saved by the Bell 2.30 Swan's Crossing 3.00 Blast 3.30 Ready or Not 4.00 Saved by the *Bell* 4.30 USA *High* 5.00 Hangtime 5.30 California Dreams 6.00 Blast 6.30 Madison 7.00 Hangtime 7.30 USA High 8.00 Close

CHALLENGE TV

5.00pm Cross Wits 5.30 Say the Word 6.00 Family Fortunes 6.30 Catchphrase 7.15 $64,000 Question 8.00 Split Second 8.30 Move on Up 9.15 Winner Takes All 10.00 Treasure Hunt 11.15 Whittle 12.00 Say the Word 12.30am Hart to Hart 1.30 Big Valley 2.30 Big Brother Jake 3.00 Boogies Diner 3.30 Where I Live 4.00 Snowy River: The McGregor Saga 5.00 Shopping

BRAVO

8.00pm A-Team (6541909) 9.00 Tour of Duty (6554473) 10.00 Red Shoe Diaries (9930034) 10.45 FILM: **Millennium** (4449676) 12.45am Tour of Duty (2739874) 1.45 Red Shoe Diaries (3012910) 2.30 **FILM: One Good Turn** (4092400) 4.30 The Head (6205138) 5.00 A-Team (8464145)

PARAMOUNT COMEDY

7.00pm Grace Under Fire (8102) 7.30 Roseanne (7805) 8.00 Ellen (4522) 8.30 Cybill (3857) 9.00 Cheers (90857) 9.30 Taxi (74473) 10.00 Frasier (35096) 10.30 The Kenny Everett Show (44744) 11.00 Gayle's World (40152) 11.30 Ellen (92367) 12.00 Roseanne (49969) 12.30am Nightstand (52690) 1.00 Soap (25706) 1.30 Taxi (68955) 2.00 Gayle's World (32023) 2.30 Grace Under Fire (24058) 3.00 Frasier (32042) 3.30 The Kenny Everett Show (35110) 4.00 Close

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

8.00pm Sightings (4620299) 9.00 FILM: **Sleeping Dogs** *(1997)* (4623386) 11.00 Friday the 13th (2933299) 12.00 Sightings (6606042) 1.00am The Twilight Zone (6898752) 1.30 Tales of the Unexpected (7271892) 2.00 Dark Shadows (1089684) 2.30 New Alfred Hitchcock (1171619) 3.00 *Friday the 13th (7703023)* 4.00 Close

HOME & LEISURE

9.00am The Joy of Painting (8102928) 9.30 Garden Club (9132386) 10.00 The Great Gardening Plot (6457744) 10.30 New Yankee Workshop *(8191812)* *11.00* Rex Hunt's Fishing Adventures (1822857) 11.30 Hometime (1823386) 12.00 The Close Guide (8182164) 12.30pm This Old House (9136102) 1.00 Greg and Max's Just for Starters (4305034) 1.30 Our House *(9135473)* 2.00 *The Furniture Guys* (6372541) 2.30 Room for Improvement (7043947) 3.00 Two's Country (6391676) 3.30 Home Again (7015164) 4.00 Close

DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Diceman (7034299) 4.30 Driving Passions (7023183) 5.00 Ancient Warriors (6369893) 5.30 Beyond 2000 (7047763) 6.00 Deadly Australian (7044676) 6.30 Deadly Australian (7035928) 7.00 World of Strange Powers (6383657) 7.30 Disaster (7024812) 8.00 Mysterious Universe (6392305) 8.30 Super Natural (6371812) 9.00 UFO (8587947) 10.00 Zulu Wars (6560034) 11.00 Extreme Machines (4392183) 12.00 Fightline (3807313) 12.30am Driving Passions (5643787) 1.00 Disaster (6393348) 1.30 Beyond 2000 (2801400) 2.00 Close

TRAVEL

12.00pm Travel Live 1.00 Dominikas Planet *1.00 Pathfinders 2.00 Travel Trails* 2.30 No Truckin' Holiday 3.00 Reel World 3.30 Oceania 4.00 A Golfer's Travels 4.30 A River Somewhere 5.00 Ridge Riders 5.30 Railway Adventures Across Europe 6.00 Stepping the World 6.30 Pathfinders 7.00 Travel Live 8.00 Wet and Wild 8.30 Portrait *of Ireland* 9.00 Holiday International 10.00 No Truckin' Holiday 10.30 Floyd on Italy 11.00 Cities of the World 11.30 Reel World

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Vietnam, the Ten Thousand Day War (7679589) 5.00 The Battle of Naseby 1645 (2668270) 6.00 Ancient Mysteries (7087742) 7.00 Patton: A Genius for War — Part Two (2565947) 8.00 Close

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

7.00pm Endangered (7433102) 7.30 Outer Bounds (5197980) 8.00 Realm of the Alligator (3710928) 9.00 Voyager 2 (9698831) 9.30 Voyager 2 (4825725) 10.00 Great Lakes, Fragile Seas (3793251) 11.00 Marsabit (4346183) 12.00 Endangered (3578329) 12.30am Outer Bounds (1177990) 1.00 Close

CARLTON FOOD (cable)

12.00pm Food Network Daily 12.30 The Restaurant Show 1.00 Food for Thought 1.30 From the Ground Up 2.00 Ross's Foreign Assignment 2.30 Food Network Daily 3.00 Alive and Cooking 3.30 Graham Kerr's Kitchen 4.00 Aldo's Italian Job 4.30 Rustie's Real Cooks 5.00 Close

LIVING

6.00am Tiny Living 9.00 I Dream of Jeannie 9.30 Gordon Elliott 10.10 Jerry Springer 11.00 Young and the Restless 11.50 Brookside 12.20pm Why Me? 1.00 Tempest 1.50 Ready, Steady, Cook 2.20 Cheap Chic 3.00 Live at Three 4.05 Jerry Springer 5.00 Rolonda 5.50 Lucky Ladders 6.20 Ready, Steady, Cook 7.00 Hearts Afire 7.30 Mysteries, Magic and Miracles 8.00 *Adrenalin Junkies* 9.00 FILM: **The Josephine Baker Story** 11.30 Sex Life

ZEE TV

6.30am Nagar Pane Roop Nagar 7.00 Jaagran 7.30 Ghoomta Aana 8.00 ZEE *Business News and Music* 8.30 Raahat 9.00 Manabi 9.30 Panchayat 10.00 Tara 11.00 The Low Cal Show 11.30 Hum Aap Ke Hain Woh 12.00 Daraar 12.30pm Raahat 1.00 FILM 3.30 Ek Nazar 4.00 Public Demand 5.00 ZEE Zone 5.30 Teen *Do Panch 6.00 Hum Paanch 6.30 ZEE and* You 7.00 Liberty 7.30 Banegi Apni Baat 8.00 News and Euronews 8.30 Dastaan 9.00 Pal Do Pal 10.00 Filmi Baatein 10.30 ZEE Hit Parade 11.00 Purush Kshetra 11.30 Sizzlers 12.00 Close

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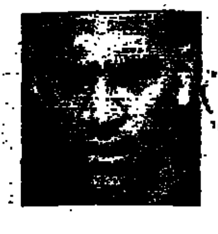

Twisted logic of the FIA allows Schumacher to escape without fine or suspension

Formula One shirks the issue

By Michael Calvin

FORMULA One brought itself into disrepute in the suitably surreal setting of an *industrial estate beside the* M25 yesterday, when the inverted logic that harsh punishment represents an inadequate deterrent allowed Michael Schumacher to escape with little more than a seven-day community service order.

The world council of the FIA, *motorsport's governing* body, reduced him to a non-person, by excluding *him* from the 1997 world championship because of his excesses in the concluding race in Jerez on October 26, but immediately *elevated him to a role model,* by obliging him to enlist in a week-long road safety campaign *throughout Europe.*

An *Alice in Wonderland* atmosphere appeared to consume the disciplinary hearing at the headquarters of the RAC Motor Sports Association near Heathrow. Although Schumacher's collision with Jacques Villeneuve in the European Grand Prix at Jerez *was deemed to be a* deliberate act, it was excused because it was regarded as the product of nothing more than instinctive panic.

The sense of bewilderment was reinforced by the fact that Schumacher was allowed to retain five victories on his record from a season in which, according to the revised drivers' championship table, he did not compete. Despite *being stripped of second place,* which has been filled by Heinz-Harald Frentzen, he will, conveniently enough, still be eligible for prize-money from his phantom races.

Max Mosley, the FIA president, admitted that a suspension from the 1998 season had been considered, but conclud*ed that it would have been* "futile". Speaking at a packed press conference, held in a scrutineering garage decorated to resemble a wedding marquee, he insisted that the world council had sent "a message to all drivers in the sport — you will be excluded from any series if you commit an illegitimate act".

He emphasised that action would have been taken to deny Schumacher the title had Villeneuve been forced to retire from the race, and ex*plained the leniency of the* response by adding: "There is no driver competing who would not be willing to accept a ban from the next season if he could become world champion. Since a ban would be no deterrent, it makes no sense to implement it."

Jean Todt, the Ferrari team *manager, was effusive in his* moral support for Schumacher. His mood had evidently been eased by the fact that they were not docked any points in the constructors' championship. He suggested to a sceptical audience that the world should concentrate on the "human sensibilities" of the German driver's situation.

Villeneuve, on a skiing holiday, was unavailable for comment, but the wider response was one of barely-concealed disgust and dismay. Johnny *Herbert, the British driver,* said: "I am in shock." Damon Hill and Jackie Stewart, British world champions who represent different generations but embody identical attributes, were united in their condemnation.

"It's hard to take the punishment seriously," Hill said. "Surely it is an instinctive action not to crash into someone. This comes a long way short of what could be regarded as punishment and that's what Max Mosley promised *before the race.*"

Stewart, the triple world champion, said: "He [Schumacher] is a very, very lucky boy. My concern is that I think the sport as a whole will not see this as a serious enough penalty for what the world saw. I felt the governing body would take a harsher view, make an example of this.

"It started with Ayrton [Senna] and Alain [Prost]. Now we have three men who have been great world champions and have all been involved in similar incidents. I fear this is a virus. I had hoped it would be cured by a healthy antidote, but I am not sure that this is *strong enough.*"

Schumacher, a picture of contrition in a grey suit, spoke quietly, in that familiar monotone. "It is quite a tough decision," he said. "It is important to me that there is no belief that it was a deliberate act. It was instinctive. I never stop learning and I will *take a big lesson from this.*

"I did not want to admit it at the time but now I've had the chance to understand what I did. I did not win the championship when I felt I could, and that is not very easy to live with. I had two or three nights without sleep, and I have had to accept what I have done.

"Now I just want to disappear and go on holiday. I am not Superman, and I am not *the biggest idiot in the world.* I am somewhere in the middle. I am only human."

Mosley could see no contradiction in Schumacher playing a pivotal role in a public relations campaign designed to emphasise the importance of safety aids like child restraints, seat belts and head-rests. "*A reformed sinner is* the most effective advocate for something like that," he said.

Yet there was no sense of proportion, no sense of the scale of public disaffection with the entire episode. Formula One is a world of distorted values in which the supposed crime of omitting to remove the steering wheel in the event of an accident merits a fine of $5,000.

Schumacher inflicted real damage on the sport's image, instinctively or otherwise, and has got off scot-free.

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13	R Barrichello (Br) 6
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15	J Trulli (It) 3
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ANDRE CAMARA

A contrite Schumacher defends his actions to the press. "I am not Superman," he said

Moves in hand to put stop to subterfuge

By Michael Calvin

Jerezgate reached a constructive conclusion yesterday, when the transcripts of taped conversations *from the European Grand* Prix, published in *The Times,* led to a promise that Formula One is about to enter a new age of public accountability.

The world council of the FIA cleared the Williams and McLaren teams of conspiring to influence the result of the final race of the season, *then cleared the way for the* sport to mount a far-reaching attack on institutionalised subterfuge.

Max Mosley, president of the FIA, will use the case to pressure team owners into abandoning surreptitious taping of pit-wall conversations. The hearing yesterday featured not only the two tapes disclosed in *The Times,* which were in the possession of *several teams, including* Ferrari, but also a decoded transcript of encrypted transmissions from the McLaren pit.

Mosley accepted that the conversations between Jacques Villeneuve and Jock Clear, his engineer, revealed what he termed "blind panic" *in the Williams pit* rather than any premeditated attempt to manipulate a McLaren win. The McLaren tape *revealed* what Mosley described as "vehement arguments" between David Coulthard and team officials when he was ordered to give way to his colleague, Mika Hakkinen, but the FIA decided *that* such team orders were legitimate.

The Williams team, who *admitted approaching rivals* with a request not to interfere in the straight fight for the championship, declined an opportunity to comment. McLaren emphasised, in a statement, that it "prides itself on the high level of integrity and sportsmanship with which it contests the Formula One championship".

Mosley said: "It is well known that everyone in For*mula One tapes everyone* else's radio conversations. Some of the other teams have been decoding McLaren's transmissions for some time, unknown, I think, to McLaren. All of this really needs to be out in the open. Next season that will be part of the arrangement."

He acknowledged that the *publicaton of the Jerez tapes* accelerated the debate "because once the whole issue was in the public domain it clearly needed to be looked at quickly". They formed a significant part of Schumacher's defence "because it demonstrated the degree of stress and pressure on the drivers. *That is a mitigating factor.*"

Mosley said: "You have to remember that both he and Villeneuve were under enormous pressure. They had the weight of their countries and their teams on their shoulders. There was one point between them and they had people shouting in their ears.

"It was an extraordinary set of circumstances. The drivers were hyped up, dealing with a tremendous amount of adrenalin, excitement and pressure. There is a great tendency to do *something unwise in the heat* of the moment.

"I do believe, quite sincerely, now that there was no arrangement of the kind that we feared there might have been. Far from damaging Formula One, I think it actually benefits it, because it has become clear that it is being run as it should be run.

"Everyone concerned with Formula One is absolutely *determined that no race will* ever be fixed. It is important in a major world sport that everything is open. I don't like the idea of things like radio transmissions on secret frequencies."

Mosley: "Everyone tapes everyone's conversations"

Rusedski fails to resume normal service at world championship

From Julian Muscat, tennis correspondent in Hanover

GREG RUSEDSKI failed to capitalise on an encouraging start against Patrick Rafter *yesterday, succumbing* 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 in his opening round-robin match of the ATP Tour world championship here. The match hinged on a handful of points, but Rusedski can have no complaints. Rafter proved watertight on his service after rebounding with typical panache from a hesi*tant half-hour.*

The Great Britain No 1 must now win his remaining two matches — against Carlos Moyà and Pete Sampras, whom he plays today — to progress to the semi-finals. It *is hard to assess his prospects.* Against all the odds, Moyà put Sampras, the defending champion, to the sword in this tournament's curtain-raiser and, in the process, threw this four-man red group into confusion.

"I don't think that result makes any difference," Rusedski said, however. "I have got to win both my remaining matches to go through."

Moyà's 6-3, 6-7, 6-2 victory over Sampras, the world No 1, was ominous. It demonstrated that the hard court laid in *this* vast indoor arena *is* playing far more slowly than anticipated. Considered to be the *tournament's whipping* boy on Monday, Moyà may yet prove the hardest to beat on the high-bouncing surface, which he loves.

Certainly, the court diluted Rusedski's potent service, a fact underlined by his winning only 79 per cent of points on his first delivery. That statistic has been up in the nineties over the two-month indoor season and Rafter, gradually working his way into the match, reaped maximum ad*vantage. So vulnerable on* service in the opening set, the Australian never wavered once conceding it, at no stage looking remotely troubled against Rusedski's irregular returns. Indeed, in the last two sets, Rafter lost just 11 points on serve to endorse the superiority he posted against the *Briton in the US Open final.*

That opening set offered Rusedski a cruelly deceptive illusion. So frequently did he threaten Rafter that he could *dismiss from his mind the five* break points he spurned — only once conjuring a return against the Australian's service. However, he gleefully converted the sixth when he penetrated some stubborn net resistance from his opponent with a whipped pass at close range.

The backlash was not long in coming. Suddenly, the Briton's first service, so secure throughout with its mixture of pace and direction, deserted him. In game four, a series of low returns from Rafter forced some nasty volleys from Rusedski, which he could not control. A rasping backhand from Rafter secured the deciding break — although Rusedski fended off another break point when trailing 2-4. He was still level at one set all, but his service had lost much of its bite.

Again, a solitary break settled the decisive set. It came when Rusedski, trailing 2-1, recovered two points from 0-40 only to suffer an injustice when a Rafter forehand, which he appeared to have covered, tripped off the net, ricocheted on to the frame of Rusedski's racket and beyond his baseline. Unfortunate it may have been, but Rafter would have been the more *insulted had he suffered that* rub himself. The match was duly won in 103 minutes.

"I also felt I had two aces called out in that game," Rusedski said, "but these things are bound to happen at the pace I serve. It didn't decide the match. Pat won because he raised his game when he needed to."

Earlier, Sampras looked woefully out of touch against Moyà, of Spain, in as fine an *hors d'oeuvre* as any championship could have wished for. Moyà quickly belied the fact that he came *into the contest* with four successive defeats by taking the opening set. Yet, for all the champion's tribulations, Sampras seemed to have turned the tide when saving two match points in the second set. Not a bit of it. Moyà resumed his onslaught of baseline winners to race away with the deciding set.

Sampras dismissed suggestions that his troublesome *right shoulder* had plagued him. "I was just never in control of the match," he said. "It is not easy to serve and volley out there."

Still, he was not too despondent. "The three times I've won here, I lost a match in the round robin," he said.

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RESULTS

Red group

C Moyà (Sp) bt P Sampras (US) 6-3, 6-7, 6-2

P Rafter (Aus) bt G Rusedski (GB) 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

TODAY'S ORDER OF PLAY (from 1pm GMT). Rusedski v Sampras; J Bjorkman (Swe) v Y Kafelnikov (Russ); Moya v Rafter.

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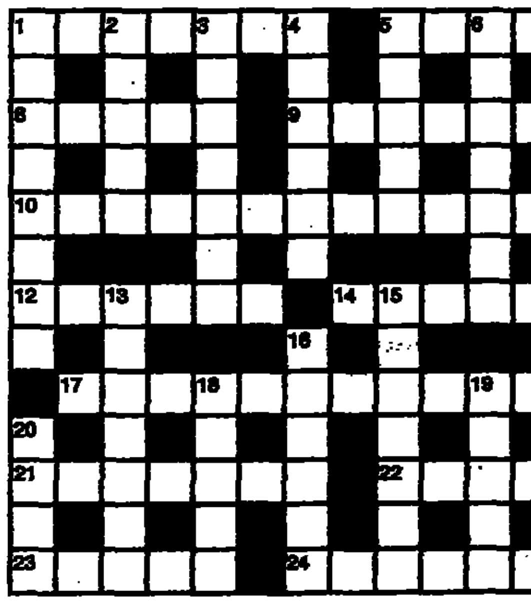

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